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Thursday,
October 12, 2017

CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gary Halbach

Rank: Chief
Years in department: 29 Age: 55
Training: firefighter II, arson invest. driv/oper. aerial, others
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: married to Deann, 2 children
Place of employment: Kaytee Products
Occupation: maintenance manager

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ben Schoenborn

Rank: 1st Asst. Chief
Years in department: 31 Age: 50
Training: Jaws, firefighter III, instructor I, driver/operator
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: married to Doreen, 2 children
Place of employment: City of Oshkosh Fire Dept.
Occupation: firefighter/paramedic

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nathan Schneider

Rank: 2nd Assistant Chief
Years in department: 16 Age: 34
Training: Firefighter I & II, driver/operator, aerial
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: married to Tabitha, 2 children
Place of employment: Hickory Meadows Landfill
Occupation: gas technician

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Randy Bratz

Rank: Captain
Years in department: 28 Age: 53
Training: firefighter I & II, driv/oper., others
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: married to Christine, 3 children
Place of employment: Kaytee Products, Inc.
Occupation: quality control manager

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Phillip J. Anhalt

Rank: Captain
Years in department: 31 Age: 51
Training: firefighter II
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: married to Sherie, 2 children
Place of employment: Calumet Medical Center
Occupation: maintenance/mechanic

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Keith D. Vanne

Rank: Captain
Years in department: 26 Age: 49
Training: Jaws, firefighter II, driv/oper., others
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: married to Sue, 2 children
Place of employment: Hosokawa Alpine American
Occupation: field service

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Home structure fire statistics

■ U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 358,500 home structure fires per year during 2011 to 2015, which represents three-quarters of all structure fires.

■ Home fires caused an annual average of 2,510 civilian fire deaths, or 93 percent of all civilian structure fire deaths; 12,300 civilian fire injuries, or 87 percent of all civilian structure fire injuries; and \$6.7 billion in direct damage, or 68 percent of total direct damage in structure fires.

■ On average, seven people died in U.S. home fires per day.

■ Cooking equipment was the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries and the second leading cause of home fire deaths.

■ Smoking was the leading cause of civilian home fire deaths. Heating equipment was the second most common cause of home fires and fire injuries and the third leading cause of fire deaths.

■ While the number of home fire deaths has been cut roughly in half since 1980, the rate of deaths per 1,000 reported home fires was actually 10 percent higher than in 1980.

CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bruce A. Alten

Rank: Lieutenant

Years in department: 42 **Age:** 61

Training: Jaws, firefighter II, driver op, fire investigator

City of residence:

Chilton

Family status: 3 children

Place of employment: Briess Industries

Occupation: inventory manager



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Robert L. Olson

Rank: Lieutenant

Years in department: 28 **Age:** 57

Training: firefighter II, driver/ operator, aerial oper.

City of residence:

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Family status: married to Lori, 2 children

Place of employment: Vande Hey Brantmeier Body Shop

Occupation: auto body repairman



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Kevin Beil

Rank: Captain

Years in department: 27 **Age:** 49

Training: firefighter II, jaws, arson invest., driver op., aerial

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: married to Amy, 3 children

Place of employment: Briess Industries

Occupation: Laborer

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Moehn

Rank: Lieutenant

Years in department: 17 **Age:** 48

Training: Fire-fighter I & II, Jaws, driver/operator, arson investigator, Aerial

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: married to Michelle, 3 children

Place of employment: Moehn Plumbing

Occupation:

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dan Hilton

Rank: Lieutenant

Years in department: 27 **Age:** 62

Training: firefighter I & II, driv/oper., aerial, instructor I, arson investigator

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: married to Ellie, 5 children

Place of employment: O'Reillys

Occupation: parts specialist

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Shane Peik

Rank: Safety Officer

Years in department: 35 **Age:** 55

Training: firefighter II, driver/ oper., FFI, aerial, fire investigator

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: married to Sallie, 4 children

Place of employment: Stone Mill Construction

Occupation: Sales rep



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Doug Baer

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 21 Age: 49
Training: fire-fighter II, driver/oper, other
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: single
Place of employment: Calumet Medical Center
Occupation: environmental services



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nick Grenzer

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 1 Age: 28
Training: fire-fighter I & I
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: single
Place of employment: Metko Inc.
Occupation: laser operator



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Moehn

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 23 Age: 50
Training: Jaws, firefighter II, driv/oper, aerial oper., others
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: married to Connie, 3 children
Place of employment: Milk Products, Inc.
Occupation: Jeep driver



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Patrick McGinnis

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 13 Age: 49
Training: Firefighter I & II, driver/operator, aerial
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: married to Kelly, 2 children
Place of employment: Calumet Medical Center
Occupation: physical therapist



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Brandon Gillig

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 15 Age: 34
Training: fire-fighter I
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: single
Place of employment: Pierce Mfg.
Occupation: assembly



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joseph Bonlander

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 12 Age: 47
Training: fire-fighter II, hazmat awareness & operations, jaws tech and others
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: married to Sherry, 2 children
Place of employment: Kaytee Products
Occupation: maintenance



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jake Phillips

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 10 Age: 38
Training: fire-fighter I, driver/oper.
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: married to Sasha, 1 child
Place of employment: Kaytee
Occupation: pellet department



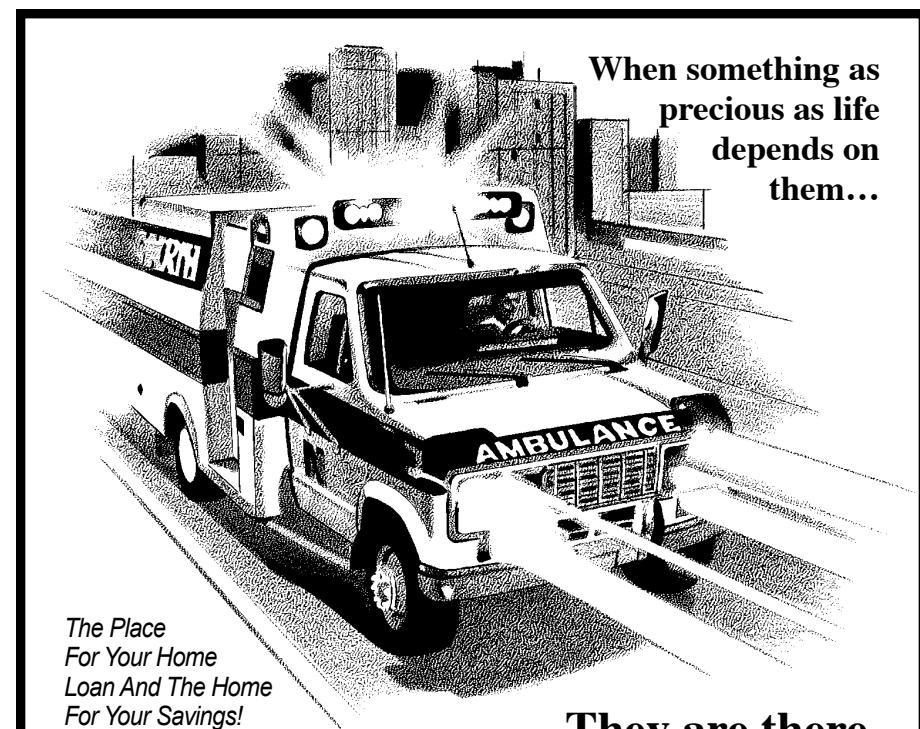
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Nick Hanna

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 9 Age: 30
Training: fire-fighter, driver/op
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: single, 1 child
Place of employment: Briess Industries
Occupation: laborer



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2. The Southern California Firestorm, San Diego County, California, October 2007, \$1.8 billion (\$2.1 billion)
3. "Cerro Grande" Wildland Fire (wildland/urban interface), Los Alamos, New Mexico, May 2000, \$1.0 billion (1.4 billion)
4. "Cedar" Wildland Fire, Julian, California, October 2003, \$1.1 billion (\$1.4 billion)
5. "Old" Wildland Fire, San Bernardino, California, October 2003, \$975 million (\$1.3 billion)
6. Southern California Wildfires of November, Sacramento, California, November 2008, \$800 million (\$882 million)
7. "Laguna Beach Fire" (wildland/urban interface), Orange County, California, October 1993, \$528 million (\$866 million)
8. Wildland Fire, Florida, May–June, 1998, \$395 million (\$573 million)
9. Forest Fire, Cloquet, Minnesota, October 1918, \$35 million (\$549 million)

CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chris Hilton

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 9 **Age:** 40

Training:

firefighter I & II

City of residence:

Chilton

Family status:

married to

Caroline

Place of

employment:

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Occupation: field foreman

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Keith C. Woelfel

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 31 **Age:** 55

Training:

firefighter I & II, JAWS, driver/oper., aerial, others

City of residence:
Chilton

Family status:
married to Tammy,
3 children

Place of employment: Kaytee Products, Inc.



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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brandon Alten

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 6 **Age:** 25

Training: firefighter I

City of residence:
Chilton

Family status:
single

Place of employment: Alten Consolidated

Occupation: owner



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bruce Henninger

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 6 **Age:** 28

Training: firefighter I & II

City of residence:
Chilton

Family status:
single

Place of employment: VHB Central Garage

Occupation: lube technician



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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ryan Baltz

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 6 **Age:** 39

Training: firefighter I, II, driver/ op, jaws

City of residence:

Chilton

Family status:

married to Cary,
1 child

Place of employment: Kaytee Products

Occupation: machine operator



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brett Bratz

Rank: Firefighter

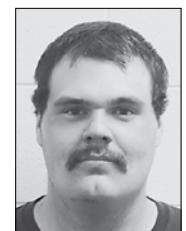
Years in department: 4 **Age:** 22

Training: firefighter I

City of residence:
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Family status:
single

Place of employment: Vande Hey Brantmeier



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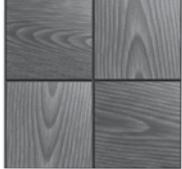
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Gregory A. Kubichka

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 15 Age: 34

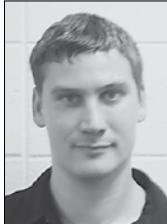
Training: firefighter I & II

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: married to Amy, 2 children

Place of employment: Rental Finders

Occupation: Property Manager

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Pete VanRooy

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 9 Age: 37

Training: firefighter I & II, driver/op, arson investigators, aerial

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: married to Nicole, 3 children

Place of employment: PVR Plastering Services

Occupation: construction

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brandon Bratz

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 12 Age: 31

Training: firefighter I & II, driver/op., aerial

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: married, 1 child

Place of employment: MB Companies

Occupation: machine operator, metal fab.

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Curtis Christopherson

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 8 Age: 36

Training: firefighter I & II, driver/op

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: single

Place of employment: CNH Industrial

Occupation: welder

**WORTHINGTON INDUSTRIES**

CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Marc Gries

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 10 Age: 32

Training: firefighter I

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: single, 1 child

Place of employment: Krone Wisconsin

Occupation: parts department

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chad Meyer

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 22 Age: 41

Training: Jaws, firefighter I & II, driv/oper. others

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: single

Place of employment: Alta Resources

Occupation: sales

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Dylan Jones

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 6 Age: 25

Training: firefighter I, driver/op, aerial

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: married to Amanda, 1 child

Place of employment: Spancrete

Occupation: laborer

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alexis Kruger

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 4 Age: 26

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: single

Place of employment: Worthington Industries

Occupation: health & safety coordinator

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chad Halbach

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 6 Age: 31

Training: firefighter I

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: engaged

Place of employment: Halbach Plumbing

Occupation: plumber



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joe Hieber

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 1 Age: 26

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: single

Place of employment: Worthington Cylinder

Occupation: press operator



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kelsey Augsburger

Rank: Firefighter

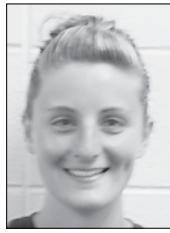
Years in department: 6 Age: 24

Training: firefighter I & II, driver/op

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: engaged

Occupation: student



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Josh Heller

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 1 Age: 25

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: single

Place of employment: Amerequip

Occupation: welder

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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Richard Hostettler

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 4 Age: 26

Training: firefighter I & driver operator

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: single

Place of employment: Worthington Cylinder

Occupation: packaging



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dylan Muehlbauer

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 1 Age: 23

Training: Hazmat tech.

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: single

Place of employment: Faith Tech.

Occupation: electronics systems apprentice

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Denis Mayer**Rank:** Fire Chief
Years in department: 31 **Age:** 54**Training:** Certified Firefighter I & II, fire officer I, driver/operator, aerial, fire instructor I, fire inspector, CPR, jaws & others**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Donna, 2 children**Place of employment:** Kohler Co.
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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Jeffrey Beck**Rank:** 1st Assistant Chief
Years in department: 28 **Age:** 46**Training:** State Certified Officer II, Instructor I, Inspector I, driver/operator, aerial, airport rescue, others**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Lori, 3 children**Place of employment:** Miller Mfg., Inc.
Occupation: journeyman machinist

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Keith Price**Rank:** Lieutenant
Years in department: 19 **Age:** 49**Training:** CPR, firefighter I & II, airpt rescue, driver op/aerial, others**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Kim, 2 children**Place of employment:** Manitowoc Cranes**Occupation:** Sr. quality engineer

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Corey Bratz**Rank:** Lieutenant
Years in department: 17 **Age:** 36**Training:** Fire-fighter I & II, CPR & many others**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Melissa**Place of employment:** C.D. Smith Construction**Occupation:** crane operator

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Nick Turba**Rank:** Lieutenant
Years in department: 10 **Age:** 28**Training:** firefighter I & II, fire officer I & II, EMT-basic, driver-op/aerial, fire instructor, fire inspector I**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Heather, 1 child**Place of employment:** Appleton Medical Center**Occupation:** Registered Nurse

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Matt Ketter**Rank:** Firefighter I
Years in department: 3 **Age:** 31**Training:** fire-fighter I**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Crystal, 3 children**Place of employment:** KS Energy**Occupation:** foreman

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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Tom Konopka**Rank:** 2nd Assistant Chief
Years in department: 32 **Age:** 59**Training:** Firefighter II, Driver/Operator/Aerial, Airport rescue, others**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** New Holstein Public Schools**Occupation:** custodian

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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Craig Carey**Rank:** Captain/First Responder
Years in department: 23 **Age:** 50**Training:** First Responder, firefighter I & II, driver/op, aerial cert., fire instructor, Inspector I**City of residence:** Town of New Holstein**Family status:** married to Carol, 4 children, 5 grandchildren**Place of employment:** MSC Global**Occupation:** maintenance

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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Eric Mayer**Rank:** Lieutenant
Years in department: 11 **Age:** 29**Training:** firefighter I & II, driver op, fire inspector, jaws/extrication/aerial, paramedic, officer I**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Jessica, 2 children**Place of employment:** City of Oshkosh Fire Department

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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Tim Franzen**Rank:** Firefighter
Years in department: 15 **Age:** 33**Training:** firefighter I, driver op/aerial**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Katie, 1 child**Place of employment:** Pfister Bulk Transport

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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Scott Schmitt**Rank:** Firefighter
Years in department: 19 **Age:** 52**Training:** CPR, certified driver/operator, aerial, certified firefighter I & II, airpt rescue, others**City of residence:** Town of New Holstein**Family status:** married to Diane, 3 children**Place of employment:** Miller Mfg.**Occupation:** journeyman machinist

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John Van De Hey**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 11**Training:** firefighter I**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** A-1 Polishing & Finishing**Occupation:** human resource director*David J. Pieper D.D.S.*

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Curtis Schmitt**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 9 Age: 28**Training:** firefighter I, CPR, hazmat**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Kristin**Occupation:** AJ's Tire

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Heath Bohn**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 9 Age: 41**Training:** firefighter I**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Nicolette, 2 children**Place of employment:** Sargento**Occupation:** process technician

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Bradley Woelfel**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 7 Age: 36**Training:** firefighter I & II**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Leah, 1 child**Place of employment:** Kohler Company

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Kurt Mayer**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 4 Age: 27**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** single

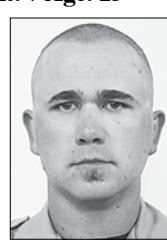
NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Brian Burg**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 18 Age: 37**Training:** state certified firefighter I & II, driver/operator pumper, aerial**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Jess, 2 children**Place of employment:** Calumet Co. Highway Dept.**Occupation:** highway maintenance

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Brad Anhalt**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 12 Age: 38**Training:** firefighter I**City of residence:** Town of Charles-town**Family status:** married to Vickey, 2 children**Place of employment:** Kohler

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Josh Scott**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 7 Age: 23**Training:** firefighter I & II, CPR, hazmat**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** Scott's Lawn Service, LLC

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Kurt Mayer**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 4 Age: 27**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** Calumet County

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Michael Danes**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 16 Age: 42**Training:** firefighter I**City of residence:** Town of Charles-town**Family status:** married to Christina, 2 children**Place of employment:** Danes Farms, Inc.**Occupation:** part owner/manager**TWOHIG RIETBROCK SCHNEIDER & HALBACH S.C.**

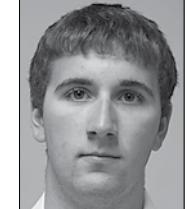
NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Scott Bonlander**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 23 Age: 48**Training:** Certified Driver/Operator, pumper, aerial certified firefighter I & II, others**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Kristine, 2 children**Occupation:** self employed**CHRIS'S DETAILING**
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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Matthew Buechel**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 7 Age: 29**Training:** firefighter I & II, certified driver operator/ pumper**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married**Place of employment:** Feldner Chevrolet**FELDNER**
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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Tyler Schmitt**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 7 Age: 24**Training:** firefighter I & II, CPR certified, hazmat**City of residence:** Town of New Holstein**Family status:** single**Dave Wusterbarth**
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Andrew Feider

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 23 Age: 52
Training: firefighter I & II, airpt rescue, first responder, fire investigator, others, driver operator
City of residence: New Holstein
Family status: married to Margaret, 2 children
Place of employment: MB Company
Occupation: stockroom

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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Christopher Winkler

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 6 Age: 23
Training: firefighter I
City of residence: New Holstein
Family status: single
Place of employment: United Erecting



NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Nathan Schroeder

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 2 Age: 19
Training: entry firefighter I & II, hazmat
City of residence: New Holstein
Family status: single
Occupation: student



NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Nick Kaat

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 2 Age: 31
Training: part A&B, entry firefighter I & II, hazmat
City of residence: New Holstein
Family status: married to Melissa
Place of employment: Ornua
Occupation: production



NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Travis Price

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 1st Age: 18
Training: training entry firefighter
City of residence: New Holstein
Family status: single
Place of employment: Travis' Turf & Landscaping, LLC
Occupation: owner



NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Ashlee Jordan

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 2 Age: 21
Training: HAZMAT, firefighter 1 part A&B, firefighter 1 cert. class
City of residence: New Holstein
Family status: single
Place of employment: Sargent & Kwik Trip



NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Jarrod Meinnert

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 1st Age: 27
Training: entry level
City of residence: New Holstein
Family status: single
Place of employment: WindWalker Label
Occupation: press operator



NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Chad Halbach

Rank: Firefighter/First Responder
Years in department: 9 Age: 31
Training: instructor, EMT-B, driver/op, aerial, firefighter I & II, hazmat operations
City of residence: New Holstein
Family status: married to Rachael, 1 child
Place of employment: American Finishing
Occupation: Design Engineer



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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Chase Fritsch**Rank:** Firefighter/First Responder**President:****Years in department:** 4 **Age:** 25**Training:** firefighter I, paramedic**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** Sheboygan Fire Department**Occupation:** firefighter

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Derek Hanamann**Rank:** Firefighter/1st Responder**Years in department:** 15 **Age:** 36**Training:** firefighter I, fire invest., 1st responder, inspector I**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Ann**Place of employment:** Kaytee Products**Occupation:** maintenance**KAYTEE®**

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Jeff Roehrig**Rank:** First Responder/Firefighter**Years in department:** 7 **Age:** 27**Training:** firefighter I, paramedic**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** Gold

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Occupation: critical care paramedic/flight paramedic**HAIR'S TO YOU**

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Kristine Bonlander**Rank:** First Responder/Vice President**First Responder:****Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 47**Training:** First Responder, CPR instructor**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Scott, 2 children**Place of employment:** Henning's Cheese, FVTC**Atrium**
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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Vickey Anhalt**Rank:** First Responder, secretary**Years in department:** 6 **Age:** 37**Training:** first responder, CPR**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Brad, 2 children**Place of employment:** Mae Ryles Screen Printing & Embroidery**Dan's Towing**

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Fritz Heathman**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 5 **Age:** 37**Training:** first responder**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Corey, 2 children**Place of employment:** Amerequip**Occupation:** quality engineer

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Tim Lund**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 11 **Age:** 46**Training:** first responder, EMT, LPN, MTIV Tech, RN**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Laura, 1 child**Place of employment:** Gold Cross, Brillion**Occupation:** IV tech**VANDE HEY BRANTMEIER AUTOMOTIVE GROUP**

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Eric Hansen**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 5 **Age:** 44**Training:** first responder**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Ma-linda, 2 children**STANLEY SCHMITZ INC.****APPLIANCE & DAIRY CENTER**

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Rachel Schroeder**Rank:** First responder**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 44**Training:** first responder, defib**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Jeff, 3 children**Place of employment:** AMG/CMC Clinic & Calumet Co. Home Care/Hospice**Occupation:** RN**Belke Financial Group**

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Travis Frey**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 5 **Age:** 46**Training:** first responder**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Denise, 2 children**Place of employment:** HG Weber**Occupation:** electrician**HOLWEG WEBER**

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Ann Albright**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 1st **Age:** 46**Training:** first responder, CPR**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** Kwik Trip**Occupation:** guest services**WEBER'S CONVENIENCE STORES****BP of NEW HOLSTEIN**

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Things to look for when buying extinguisher

October is Fire Safety Month, and part of fire safety is learning about fire extinguishers.

While most of us have one in our homes, it is important to know how to use it and when to replace it. There are some common questions about fire extinguishers, and Kidde is here to help. Learn more about fire extinguishers with Kidde and Blain's Farm & Fleet.

How do I choose a fire extinguisher?

Fire Extinguisher Class—The first step is to look at the label on a fire extinguisher to determine its class. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and UL created three classes of fires—A, B, and C. These letters are shown on the label of the fire extinguisher to indicate that it has been tested and found to be effective on those classes of fire.

■ Class A: Fires that involve common combustibles such as wood, paper, cloth, rubber, trash, and plastics.

■ Class B: Fires that involve solvents, oil, gasoline, paints, lacquers and other oil-based products.

■ Class C: Fires that involve energized

electrical equipment.

Fire Extinguisher Rating

The next step is to look at ratings. The numbers 1 to 10 before the letter A represents the rating for that A capability, the higher the number the larger A class fire the unit can handle. The numbers 10, 20, 40, 60, 80 before the letter B represents the rating for the B capability, once again the higher the number the larger B class fires the unit can handle. The letter C does not get a rating as the letter only signifies that the unit is electrically non-conductive.

Types of Fire Extinguishers

There are five different types of fire extinguishers, according to Kidde:

■ Water—Absorbs the heat and cools the burning material.

■ Dry Chemical—Smother the fuel (preventing vapors from igniting) and interrupts the chemical chain reaction.

■ CO2—Removes the oxygen from the fire.

■ Halotron—Interrupts the chemical chain reaction.

■ Wet Chemical—Smother and seals the fuel (preventing vapors from igniting) and removes the heat by cooling.

Do fire extinguishers expire?

Rechargeable fire extinguishers—According to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, rechargeable fire extinguishers must be recharged every 10 years. A rechargeable fire extinguisher has a metal head, and a gauge that reads "Charge/Recharge." Check your fire extinguisher's gauge monthly to verify that your fire extinguisher is

still charged. If the extinguisher's gauge needle is in the recharge area, have your fire extinguisher recharged immediately. For more information about your specific fire extinguisher, refer to your user's manual.

Disposable fire extinguishers—According to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, disposable fire extinguishers must be replaced every 12 years. A disposable fire extinguisher has a plastic head, and a gauge that reads full/empty. Check your fire extinguisher's gauge monthly to verify that your fire extinguisher is still full. If the extinguisher's gauge needle is in the empty area, replace your fire extinguisher immediately. For more information about your specific fire extinguisher, refer to your user's manual.

How do I use a fire extinguisher?

When putting out a fire, stand six to eight feet away from the fire and follow the four-step PASS procedure, recommended by the NFPA:

■ P—Pull the pin and hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you.

■ A—Aim low at the base of the fire.

■ S—Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly to discharge the extinguishing agent. When the agent firsts hits, the fire may briefly flare up. This is to be expected.

■ S—Sweep the nozzle from side to side, moving carefully toward the fire. Keep the extinguisher aimed at the fire.

Kidde fire extinguishers should be stored in temperatures ranging from -40 F to 120 F to prevent the extinguisher from being damaged.

NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Nate Van Da Huvel

Rank: First Responder
Years in department: 1st Age: 36
Training: advanced EMT
City of residence: New Holstein
Family status: single
Place of employment: Lifestar EMS
Occupation: advanced EMT



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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Carol Carey

Rank: First Responder
Years in department: 1st
Training: paramedic
City of residence: New Holstein
Family status: married to Craig, 4 children
Place of employment: Humana
Occupation: disability claims processor



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The New Holstein Fire Department's training facility located on the far northeast side of the city was the location this past spring for another statewide training event. Firefighters came from throughout Wisconsin to practice extraction of injured persons from a hot, smoke-filled building. Similar to another recent event at the facility, the training was provided by members of the Brew City F.O.O.S. organization. This organization is made up of firefighters who provide free or very low-cost training for firefighters.

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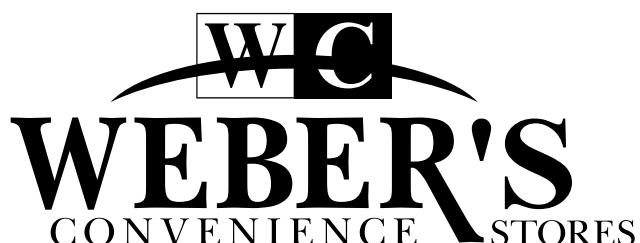
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Bob H. Hennings

Rank: Chief
Years in department: 42 **Age:** 60
Training: fire-fighter I, fire officer I, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Karen, 3 children
Place of employment: Kiel Foundry
Occupation: owner



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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brad Becker

Rank: Asst. Chief
Years in department: 35 **Age:** 55
Training: fire-fighter I, fire officer I, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Lynn, 3 children
Place of employment: H.G. Weber
Occupation: assembler



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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Keith Raquet

Rank: Asst. Chief
Years in department: 40 **Age:** 60
Training: fire-fighter I, fire officer I, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Rogene, 3 children
Place of employment: H. G. Weber & Co., Inc.
Occupation: customer service sales



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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jim Fromm

Rank: Captain
Years in department: 36 **Age:** 58
Training: fire-fighter I, fire officer I, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Marge, 2 children
Place of employment: Vollrath Co.
Occupation: master scheduler



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John P. Riehn

Rank: Captain
Years in department: 41 **Age:** 59
Training: fire-fighter I, engineer, fire officer I, driver/operator
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Family status: married to Beth, 2 children
Place of employment: Kiel Foundry
Occupation: moulder



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Larry Arenz

Rank: Captain-EMT
Years in department: 42 **Age:** 62
Training: fire-fighter I, EMT-ID, fire officer I, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Chris, 2 children
Occupation: retired



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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian F. Voland

Rank: Lieutenant
Years in department: 30 **Age:** 58
Training: fire-fighter I, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: single, 2 children
Place of employment: CNH Industrial
Occupation: quality assurance



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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kevin Voland

Rank: Lieutenant
Years in department: 31 **Age:** 49
Training: engineer, firefighter I, fire officer I, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Kathy, 2 children
Place of employment: Vollrath Co.
Occupation: senior material planner



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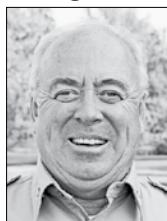


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Dave Arenz**Rank:** Lieutenant/EMT**Years in department:** 35 **Age:** 65**Training:** fire-fighter I, EMT-D, fire officer 1, driver/operator**City of residence:** Kiel**Family status:** married to Paula, 2 children**Place of employment:** Kiel Post Office**Occupation:** mail carrier*Riverview Restaurant* **Dave Wusterbarth**
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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jared L. Roeck**Rank:** Engineer**Years in department:** 26 **Age:** 48**Training:** fire-fighter 2, driver/operator**City of residence:** Kiel**Family status:** married to Sandy, 2 children**Place of employment:** Roeck's Bakery**Occupation:** baker

KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Todd W. Olig**Rank:** Engineer, AEMT**Years in department:** 21 **Age:** 50**Training:** fire-fighter I, EMT-IV Tech, CPR Instructor, driver/operator**City of residence:** Kiel**Family status:** Married to Christine, 3 children**Place of employment:** New York Life**Occupation:** financial services

KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Fromm**Rank:** Engineer**Years in department:** 16 **Age:** 35**Training:** firefighter, driver/operator**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Steph, 3 children**Place of employment:** PW Stoelting**Occupation:** welder*David J. Pieper D.D.S.*

KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Patrick A. Tienor**Rank:** Engineer, EMT**Years in department:** 24 **Age:** 43**Training:** EMT-paramedic, firefighter II, driver/operator**City of residence:** Kiel**Family status:** 2 children**Place of employment:** Dept. of Corrections**Occupation:** registered nurse

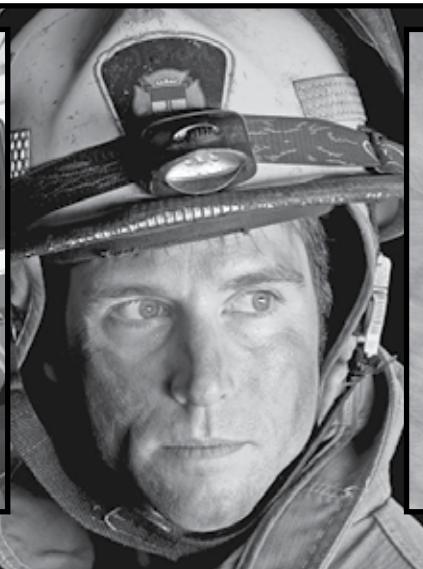
KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jesse Wilkens**Rank:** Firefighter/Engineer**Years in department:** 14 **Age:** 37**Training:** firefighter 1, driver/operator, engineer**City of residence:** Kiel**Family status:** married to Nicole, 2 children**Place of employment:** Stoelting, LLC**Occupation:** service tech/supervisor

KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mike Brockway**Rank:** Engineer**Years in department:** 23 **Age:** 58**Training:** firefighter I, EMT-D, driver/operator**City of residence:** Kiel**Family status:** married to Judy, 2 children**Place of employment:** Kohler Co.**Occupation:** machine operator

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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nick Mertens

Rank: Engineer
Years in department: 19 **Age:** 38
Training: engineer, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Angie, 2 children
Place of employment: United Erecting
Occupation: rigger



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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Brockway

Rank: Engineer
Years in department: 17 **Age:** 36
Training: engineer, EMT, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Jenny, 3 children
Place of employment: Sheboygan Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Occupation: deputy

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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joe Molitor

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 9 **Age:** 48
Training: firefighter II, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Mary-Beth, 2 children
Place of employment: Rockline Industries
Occupation: financial business analyst



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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joe Neils

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 7 **Age:** 39
Training: firefighter I, advanced open water/rescue diver, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Nicole, 3 children
Place of employment: Mercury Marine
Occupation: supplier quality engineer



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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Travis Sander

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 13 **Age:** 38
Training: firefighter I, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Dawn, 2 children
Place of employment: Sargent Foods, Plymouth
Occupation: shipping laborer



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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mike Mattie

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 11 **Age:** 50
Training: associates in fire protection, driver/operator
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Family status: married to Mistine, 2 children
Place of employment: PW Stoelting
Occupation: engineer



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Mike Groh

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 4 **Age:** 49
Training: firefighter I, driver/operator
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Brenda, 3 children
Place of employment: Kohler Company
Occupation: foundry worker

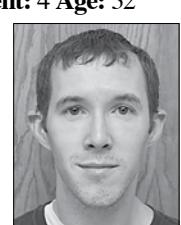


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Michael Franzen

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 4 **Age:** 32
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Place of employment: HUI
Occupation: machine operator



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Tyler Guell

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 7 Age: 36

Training:
firefighter I & II,
driver/operator

City of residence:
Kiel

Family status:
married to Carrie,
3 children

Place of employment:
Superior Chemical
Occupation: regional sales manager



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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Derek Feldmann

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 6 Age: 33

Training:
firefighter I & II, Fire
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level officer 1, entry
level driver/op,
NIMS 700, 800,
900, 100, 200,
300. NFA tactical
course 1-3

City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Georgina
Place of employment: Masters Gallery Foods
Occupation: entry level mechanic



KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eric Woelfel

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 5 Age: 34

Training:
firefighter I & II,
driver/operator

City of residence:
Kiel

Family status:
married to Sara, 1
child

Place of employment:
Windwalker Ind.
Occupation: press operator



KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sean Lorbecki

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 4 Age: 29

Training:
firefighter I & II,
driver/operator

City of residence:
Kiel

Family status:
married to Martha

Place of employment:
Ditter Plumbing
Occupation: journeyman plumber



KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Aaron Meyer

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 4 Age: 41

Training:
firefighter I, II &
II, fire inspector
I, ATV, driver/
operator, fire
protection tech

City of residence:
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Family status:
married to January, 1 child

Place of employment: Poly One
Occupation: material handler



KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eric Stelter

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 9 Age: 41

Training:
firefighter I, driver/
operator, engineer

Residence: Kiel

Family status:
married to Tammy,
4 children

Place of

employment:

Kohler Co.

Occupation: machinist



KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ryan Pafford

Rank: Firefighter/EMT
Years in department: 6 Age: 30

Training: fire officer 2, fire inspector 2, fire instructor 2, driver/operator, firefighter II, hazmat, hazmat tech, airport firefighter, EMT-B

City of residence:
Kiel

Family status: married to Jenny, 3
children

Place of employment: Dane County
Regional Airport
Occupation: firefighter



KIEL AMBULANCE/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Al Kienbaum

Rank: Firefighter/EMT
Years in department: 7 Age: 43

Training: EMT-basic,
EVOC, Firefighter I

City of residence:
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Family status:
engaged to Heidi

Place of employment: HUI
Occupation: cell tech



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Almost one-third of smoke alarms not working

When it comes to having smoke alarms in Wisconsin homes, there is good news and bad news, based on data from the Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Association.

The good news is 96 percent of homes have smoke alarms. The bad news is that in 30 percent of those homes, the smoke alarms are not working.

Reasons for the non-operating smoke alarms vary but a few stand out. Batteries are often removed in order to power other items, like television remote controls. The alarm may have been silenced because of the beeping sound when bat-

teries or the alarm itself requires maintenance or replacement. Some alarms are simply too old and no longer work properly. These have tragic yet preventable consequences.

"Almost every fire we go to is preventable," said Mike Wos of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin. "Checking your smoke alarms monthly and changing batteries twice every year is the simplest thing you can do to keep your family safe. Changing the batteries when you change your clock in spring and fall makes for an easy reminder."

Thomas Clark of the Wisconsin State

Fire Inspectors Association and Pleasant Prairie Fire Department concurs. "There is no reason in this day and age why people are perishing in house fires," Clark said. "You have to realize that a smoke alarm is a life-saving device. That's going to give you early notification that there's a problem in your house."

Maintaining that life-saving device takes a few simple considerations. Smoke alarm batteries should be tested every six months and the device itself should be replaced every decade.

"The manufacturers actually tell you that after 10 years your smoke alarm

may not work as well as they would when they are new and the sensors get a little bit off," said Ron Hampton of the Wisconsin State Fire Fighters Association and Cassville Fire Department.

If you are in a home where you are unsure of the age of the alarm, check for a date on the back or side of the unit, Clark said.

Hampton also recommended visual clues, yellowing or other discoloration could indicate an older unit.

For residential properties, landlords

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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kyle Preissner

Rank: Firefighter/EMT

Years in department: 3 **Age:** 24

Training: firefighter I, medical first responder, ice rescue, RIT

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: single

Place of employment: Sargento



KIEL AMBULANCE/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ben Jeanty

Rank: First Responder/EMT/Fire-fighter

Years in department: 6 **Age:** 25

Training: EMT-Basic, CPR

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: single

Place of employment: City of Plymouth

Occupation: police officer



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Cameron Karstaedt

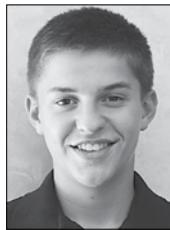
Rank: Cadet

Years in department: 3 **Age:** 16

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: single

Occupation: student



KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hunter Roeck

Rank: Cadet

Years in department: 3 **Age:** 18

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: single

Occupation: student



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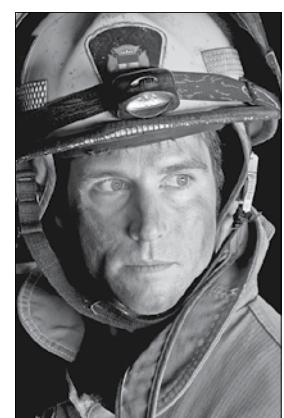
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are required to follow Wisconsin state codes for regular fire inspections and maintenance; however, building residents are responsible for reporting any issues with their smoke alarm to the landlord immediately.

"People don't always take having a smoke alarm seriously," said David Bloom of the Wisconsin State Chiefs Association and Town of Madison Fire Department. "You don't think a house fire is going to happen to you until it does happen to you. You've got to have smoke alarms, you need to test your smoke alarm, change the batteries every

six months unless you have a long-term lithium battery then change the alarm every 10 years."

In addition to a working smoke alarm, practice is key. Push the alarm button so all in the home know what it sounds like, and train them on what that sound means and what actions should be taken.

Ensure all in the household, including visitors, are aware of the at least two ways to exit the home and the meeting place once outside of the home.

Your local fire department is a great resource for receive guidance on your smoke alarm as well as other key parts

of fire safety. Bloom said you may even invite your local fire inspector into your home to take a look at your outlets, provide tips on safe cooking, and get the expert's eyes on that life-saving smoke alarm. Wisconsin Smoke Alarm and Fire Education (WisSAFE) is helping homeowners statewide obtain working smoke alarms with it is a fire service and public service collaboration in partnership with the American Red Cross. Clark, Hampton and Bloom are three of the seven members of the WisSAFE board of directors. "Knowing chances of surviving a fire increase by 50 percent when you

have working smoke alarms makes this a life-saving venture," said Patty Flowers, Regional Red Cross CEO. "Together, we will canvass the State of Wisconsin to ensure no one is without them. With an overall goal of reducing fatal fires by 25 percent within five years, the goal is lofty. With the strength and involvement of local partnerships, we can make this happen. Lives

The American Red Cross became a partner in smoke alarm installation and fire education in January 2016. Red Cross volunteers supply smoke alarms to local fire departments.

KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hannah Voland

Rank: Cadet
Years in department: 3 **Age:** 16
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: single
Occupation: student



KIEL AMBULANCE

Richard Isely, Jr.

Rank: EMS Chief
Years in department: 35 **Age:** 59
Training: paramedic, ACLS, BLS, PALS
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Barb, 2 children
Place of employment: Gold Cross Ambulance
Occupation: Paramedic



KIEL AMBULANCE

Jennifer Holz

Rank: EMT
Years in department: 15 **Age:** 40
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Jeff, 2 children
Place of employment: K&M Piggy Wiggly
Occupation: scan coordinator



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Jeff Kautzer

Rank: EMT
Years in department: 17 Age: 40
Training: EMT
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Heidi, 3 children
Place of employment: Sargent Foods



KIEL AMBULANCE

Amy Jo Daily

Rank: EMT-Basic
Years in department: 1 Age: 42
Training: EMT-basic, CPR
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: single, 3 children
Place of employment: Stoelting
Occupation: spot welder



KIEL AMBULANCE

Tina M. Reese

Rank: EMT-Basic
Years in department: 1st Age: 38
Training: EMT-basic, LTC
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Keith, 3 children
Place of employment: PW Stoelting
Occupation: material planner

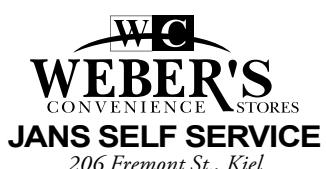


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KIEL AMBULANCE

Amanda Rabe

Rank: EMT-Basic
Years in department: 1 Age: 35
Training: EMT-basic
City of residence: Kiel
Place of employment: Kiel Area School District
Occupation: teacher



KIEL AMBULANCE

Paul Thibeault

Rank: EMT-Intermediate
Years in department: 5 Age: 39
Training: EMT-paramedic, critical care transport certification, pediatric advanced life support
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Kate, 2 children
Place of employment: County Rescue Services/Eagle III
Occupation: paramedic/flight medic



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KIEL AMBULANCE

Dale C. Popp

Rank: AEMT
Years in department: 25 Age: 50
Training: EMT-I
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Shelly, 3 children
Place of employment: PW Stoelting
Occupation: machine builder



KIEL AMBULANCE

Marie Mueller

Rank: AEMT
Years in department: 16 Age: 59
Training: EMT-I
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Tom, 3 children
Place of employment: Sargent Foods
Occupation: Assembler



KIEL AMBULANCE

Tyler Olig

Rank: EMT
Years in department: 5 Age: 24
Training: EMT
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: single
Place of employment: Mt. Calvary Ambulance
Occupation: EMT/driver



KIEL AMBULANCE

Patti Lorbecki

Rank: AEMT
Years in department: 18 Age: 51
Training: EMT basic & IV Tech, Defib, CPR
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: single, 3 children
Occupation: child care provider

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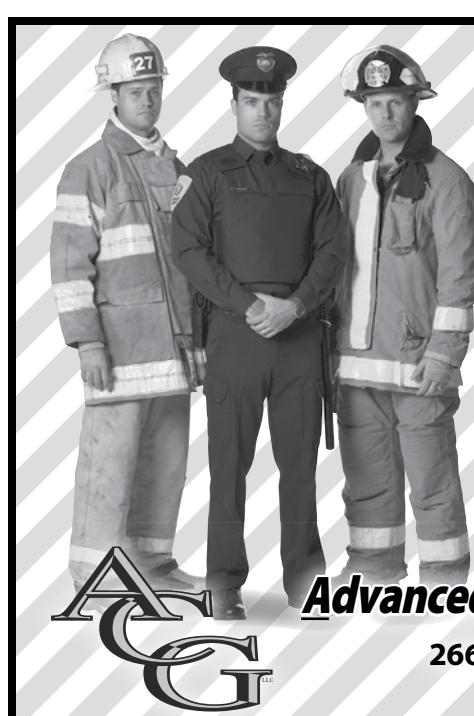
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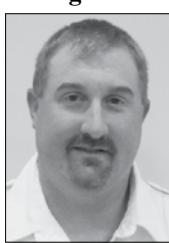
ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott J. Bink**Rank:** Chief**Years in department:** 21 **Age:** 39**Training:** firefighter I**Residence:** Town of Forest**Family status:** married, 2 children**Place of employment:** Meyer Mechanical**Occupation:** steamfitter

ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chad Weber**Rank:** 1st Asst. Chief**Years in department:** 23 **Age:** 43**Training:** firefighter I & II**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:** married to Sharon**Place of employment:** Bremer Manufacturing**Occupation:** Foundry Supervisor

ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Sippel**Rank:** Firefighter/Director/Captain**Years in department:** 16 **Age:** 36**Training:** firefighter I**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** Mid States Aluminum

ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mark Fritz**Rank:** President**Years in department:** 38 **Age:** 61**Training:** firefighter I**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:** married to Mary, 2 children**Place of employment:** Kohler Co.**Occupation:** pipefitter

ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPT/1ST RESPONDER

Jeff Horn**Rank:** Firefighter/Captain/First**Years in department:** 2nd Asst. Chief**Training:** firefighter I & II**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:** married to Jill, 3 children**Place of employment:** Badger Well Drilling**Occupation:** driller asst.

ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nathan Mueller**Rank:** Firefighter/Captain**Years in department:** 14 **Age:** 37**Training:** entry level**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:** married to Jennifer, 4 children**Place of employment:** Masters Gallery**Occupation:** sanitation

ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tim (Bernie) Berenz**Rank:** Treasurer**Years in department:** 41 **Age:** 60**Training:** firefighter I**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:** married to Jill, 2 children**Place of employment:** Stenz Autobody**Occupation:** manager

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Neal Birschbach**Rank:** Firefighter/Director**Years in department:** 16 **Age:** 39**Training:**
firefighter I, first responder**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:**
married to Amanda, 3 children**Place of employment:** Oakfield Stone**tempo**

ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Benji Bink**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 14 **Age:** 35**Training:** entry level**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:**
married to Melissa, 2 children**Place of employment:** Kohler Co.**Occupation:** CAD design analyst

ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joe Berenz**Rank:** Firefighter, Director**Years in department:** 36 **Age:** 57**Training:** firefighter I**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:**
married to Barb, 2 children**Place of employment:** Sargento Cheese**Occupation:** process technician

ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPT/1ST RESPONDER

Andy Horn**Rank:** Safety Officer**Years in department:** 38 **Age:** 60**Training:**
firefighter I, first responder, others**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:**
married to Roseann, 2 children**Place of employment:** BCI Burke**Occupation:** warehouse forklift driver

ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Terry Butz**Rank:** Safety Officer**Years in department:** 43 **Age:** 62**Training:** firefighter I**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:**
married to Beth, 2 children**Place of employment:** St. Lawrence Seminary**Occupation:** laborer

ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT



ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dick Boehnlein**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 21 **Age:** 52**Training:** firefighter I**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:**
married to Ann, 3 children**Place of employment:** Bassett Mechanical**Occupation:** sheet metal

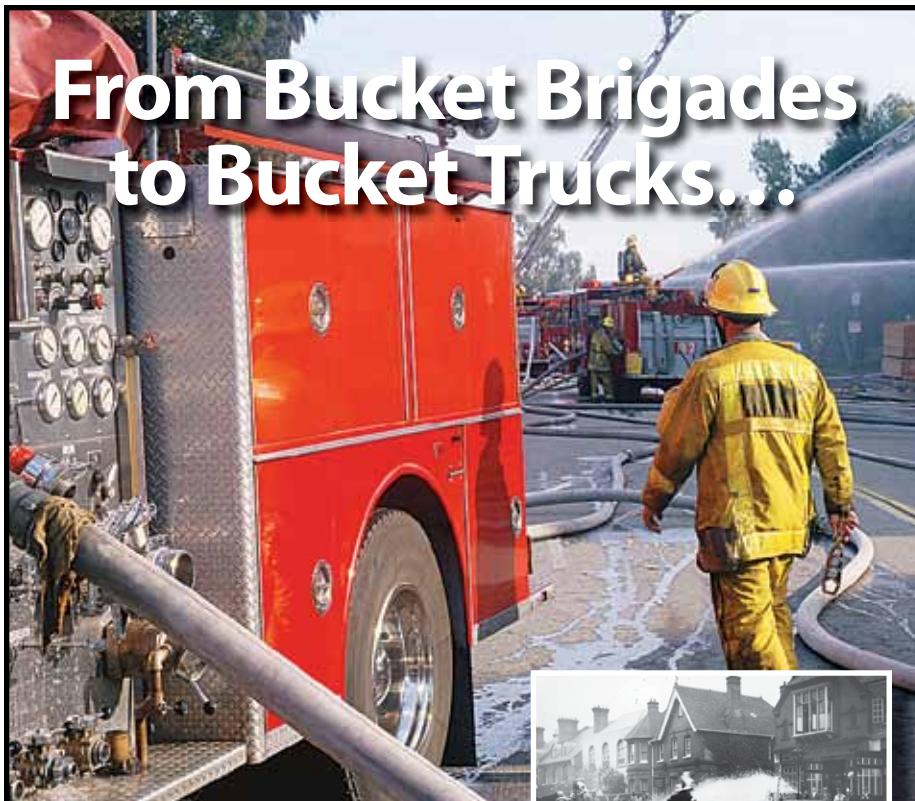
ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

John Diedrich**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 36 **Age:** 56**Training:** firefighter I, incident command**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:**
married to Eileen, 4 children**Place of employment:** Mannenbach Mechanical**Occupation:** pipe fitter

ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peter Goeser**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 29 **Age:** 64**Training:** firefighter I**Residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:**
married to Chris, 2 children**Place of employment:** Feldner Chev**Occupation:** auto mechanic

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Rank: Firefighter
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Training: firefighter I
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Family status: single
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Occupation: president



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Dale Bink

Rank: Firefighter (honorary active)
Years in department: 32 **Age:** 66
City of residence: St. Cloud
Family status: married to Mary
Place of employment: Village of St. Cloud
Occupation: utility employee



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Mark Baumgartner

Rank: Firefighter
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Training: firefighter I
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Family status: married to Carrie, 3 children
Place of employment: City of FDL
Occupation: truck driver



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Steve Preder

Rank: Firefighter
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Family status: married to Carol, 2 children
Place of employment: H&H Excavating
Occupation: foreman, operator



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Matt Fritz

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 14 **Age:** 33
Training: entry level
Residence: St. Cloud
Family status: married to Shannon
Place of employment: Baker Cheese
Occupation: packager



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Jake Voelker

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 6 **Age:** 31
City of residence: St. Cloud
Family status: single
Place of employment: Drexel Building Supply
Occupation: customer service



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Ryan Steffen

Rank: Firefighter
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Training: entry level 1/driver/op
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Family status: married
Place of employment: Land O'Lakes
Occupation: maintenance tech



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Jared Berenz

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 7 **Age:** 22
Training: firefighter
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Family status: single
Occupation: Burg Homes & Design



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Jenny Winkler

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Training: entry level
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Family status: single
Place of employment: Buechel Stone
Occupation: wellness intern



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ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dylan Entringer

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 1 **Age:** 25

Training: entry level

City of residence: Glenbeulah

Family status: single

Place of employment: Buechel Stone

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ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPT/1ST RESPONDER

Nathan Sippel

Rank: Firefighter/First Responder
Years in department: 9 **Age:** 32

Training: firefighter I, first responder

Residence: St. Cloud

Family status: married

Place of employment: Calumet County Highway

Occupation: highway maintenance



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Luke Laudolff

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 3 **Age:** 20
City of residence: St. Cloud
Family status: single
Place of employment: Rhode Brothers
Occupation: plumber



ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alex Sippel

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 1 **Age:** 18
City of residence: St. Cloud
Family status: single
Place of employment: Meyer Plumbing



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Kevin Schneider

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 1 **Age:** 25
Training: entr level
City of residence: St. Cloud
Family status: single
Place of employment: Feldner Chevrolet & Marine
Occupation: mechanic



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Tyler Berenz

Rank: Firefighter/First Responder
Years in department: 8 **Age:** 24
Training: firefighter I, Hazmat Ops, EMT Basic
City of residence: St. Cloud
Family status: single
Place of employment: Meyer Plumbing
Occupation: plumber



ST. CLOUD FIRST RESPONDERS

Chuck Quackenboss

Rank: First Responder
Age: 49
Training: first responder
City of residence: St. Cloud
Family status: married to Christine, 3 children
Place of employment: JF Ahern/ Mt. Calvary Ambulance



ST. CLOUD FIRST RESPONDERS

Jason Hoerth

Rank: First Responder
Years in department: 5 **Age:** 31
City of residence: St. Cloud
Family status: married to Becky
Place of employment: New Holstein Middle School
Occupation: physical education teacher

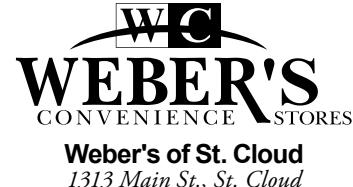


ST. CLOUD FIRST RESPONDERS

Becky Hoerth

Rank: First Responder
Years in department: 1
City of residence: St. Cloud
Family status: married to Jason

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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Josh Mertens

Rank: Chief
Years in department: 15
City of residence: Town of New Holstein
Family status: married to Jessica, 3 children
Place of employment: Park Farms

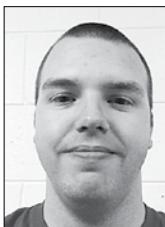


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Todd Witt

Rank: 1st Lieutenant/Secretary
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City of residence: New Holstein
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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Steve Gross

Rank: Firefighter/Pump Operator
Years in department: 22
Training: Firefighter I, Jaws, CPR
City of residence: St. Anna
Family status: single
Place of employment: Winkel's Highland Dairy Farms, LLC



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nick Brownson

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 6 Age: 29
Training: firefighter I & II, Hazmat
City of residence: Town of Russel
Family status: married to Nadine



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Travis Halfmann

Rank: 1st Asst. Chief
Years in department: 15 Age: 40
Training: entry level firefighter, jaws
City of residence: Kiel
Family status: married to Heidi, 4 children
Place of employment: Town of New Holstein
Occupation: road supervisor



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Matt Winkel

Rank: 2nd Asst. Chief
Years in department: 15 Age: 36
Training: firefighter I & II, jaws, CPR
City of residence: Town of New Holstein
Family status: married to Natasha, 2 children
Place of employment: Winkel's Highland Dairy Farms, LLC



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Muehlbauer

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant
Years in department: 7
City of residence: Town of Russel
Family status: married
Place of employment: TSS Equipment



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bill Brede

Rank: Firefighter/President
Years in department: 10 Age: 67
City of residence: Town of Russel
Family status: married to Donna, 5 children
Occupation: retired



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mike Sabish

Rank: Firefighter/Treasurer
Years in department: 13 Age: 47
Training: firefighter I, CPR, Jaws, Hazmat, Incident Command
City of residence: Town of Russel
Family status: married to Sonya, 2 children



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert H. Thome

Rank: Pump Operator
Years in department: 38 Age: 57
Training: incid. com. systems, firefighter I, investigator, hazmat
Village of residence: St. Anna
Family status: married to Cheryl, 3 children
Place of employment: St. Anna Garage & Auto Body



Riverview
 Restaurant

ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gerard Clarke

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 23 Age: 66
Training: Cert. firefighter I, Jaws
City of residence: St. Anna
Family status: Married to Nina, four children
Occupation: carpenter



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Adam Schuh

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 18 Age: 37
Training: entry level 1 & 2, Hazmat, CPR, tactics, cert. firefighter I, Jaws
City of residence: Town of New Holstein
Family status: married to Kari, 3 children
Place of employment: Rockline Industries, Inc.
Occupation: project engineer



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gene Gross

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 36 Age: 67
Training: driver/operator, Firefighter I & II, hazardous materials, Jaws training.
City of residence: St. Anna
Family status: Married to Pat, four children
Place of employment: retired



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Steven Prange

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 7 Age: 28
Training: first aid, CPR
City of residence: Town of New Holstein
Family status: single
Place of employment: Amerequip
Occupation: welder



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cory Henschel

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 5
Training: firefighter I, Incident Command
City of residence: St. Anna
Family status: married to Rebecca, 2 children
Place of employment: CD Smith
Occupation: project manager



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Quick thinking from neighbors and a speedy response from area firefighters helped avert a bigger disaster in June on Paine Street in Kiel. Firefighters were informed that smoke and flames were visible in the kitchen of the home, and that the occupants were reported to be out of the house. Mutual aid was summoned from Chilton, Elkhart Lake, New Holstein, and St. Anna to assist with containing the fire. Upon arrival at the scene moderate smoke was visible. The flames had been subdued by neighbors using fire extinguishers prior to the arrival of the first firefighting units. Fire damage was contained to the kitchen area of the home; however, smoke damage was present throughout the residence.

Mike Mathes photo

Thank you to all the area firefighters, first responders, EMTs, and others who answer the calls for help!

ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Montana Mattie

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 1 **Age:** 19

Training: firefighter I

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: single

Place of employment: Mattie Auto Repair

Occupation: mechanic



ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Josh Farrar

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 1 **Age:** 20

City of residence: Town of Rhine

Family status: single

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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jacob Muehlbauer

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 4 **Age:** 21

City of residence: St. Anna

Family status: single



ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Craig E. Watson

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 1 **Age:** 44

Training: firefighter I & II certification

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: single, 3 children

Place of employment: Home Depot

Occupation: freight handler



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kyle Meyer

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 1 **Age:** 20

Training: firefighter I

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: single

Place of employment: Stoelting



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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mark Winkel

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 7

City of residence: St. Anna

Family status: married, 2 children

Place of employment: Winkel's Highland Dairy Farms, LLC

Occupation: owner



ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tanner Galeqzzi

Rank: Firefighter

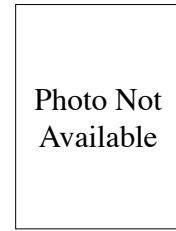
Years in department: 1

City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: single

Place of employment: Amerequip

Occupation: manufacturing engineer



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Schussman**Rank:** Chief**Years in department:** 26 **Age:** 44**Training:** firefighter I & II, driver/operator, incident command systems & others**Residence:** Malone**Family status:** married to Laura, 5 children**Occupation:** dairy farmer**Vogel**
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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bob Schmitz**Rank:** Asst. Chief**Years in department:** 30 **Age:** 48**Training:** firefighter I**Residence:**

Malone

Family status: married, 2 children**Place of employment:** Michels Corp.**Occupation:** Foreman**VANDE HEY BRANTMEIER**
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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jamie Brill**Rank:** Asst Chief**Years in department:** 4 **Age:** 35**Training:** CPR, Firefighter I certified, Jaws, first aid**City of residence:**

Marytown

Family status: married to Heidi, 2 children**Place of employment:** Amerequip**Occupation:** quality tech

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

John E. Jenkins**Rank:** Captain**Years in department:** 39 **Age:** 58**Training:** firefighter I & II, officer**Residence:** Pipe**Family status:** single, 2 children**Occupation:** retired**WEBER OIL**
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Jason Freund**Rank:** Lieutenant**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 36**Residence:** Town of Marshfield**Family status:** married to Tracy, 1 child**Place of employment:** BCI Burke**Occupation:** saw operator**Atrium**
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of New Holstein

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paul Schmitz**Rank:** Lieutenant**Years in department:** 20 **Age:** 46**Training:** firefighter I**Residence:** Johnsburg**Family status:** married to Rebecca, 2 children**Place of employment:** Vogel Chev-Olds**Occupation:** autobody technician**Vogel**
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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tim Horsch**Rank:** Lieutenant**Years in department:** 7 **Age:** 27**Training:** entry level firefighter I & II, firefighter I state certified**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** Horsch Farms, LLC and Gellings Implement**Occupation:** semi driver and herdsman**Pat's Tire
Sales & Service, Inc.**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Scheer**Rank:** Lieutenant/1st Responder**Years in department:** 22 **Age:** 44**Training:** firefighter II, EMT-paramedic**Residence:** Pipe**Family status:** married to Wendy, 3 children**Place of employment:** Gold Cross Ambulance**Occupation:** EMT-Paramedic**Riverview**
Restaurant

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ken Haensgen**Rank:** Firefighter/Inspector - State Certified**Years in department:** 34 **Age:** 53**Training:** firefighter I, first responder, D-Fib.**Residence:** Pipe**Family status:** married to Vicki, 3 children**STANLEY**
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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ben Burlingham**Rank:** Engineer**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 37**Training:** entry level**Residence:**

Malone

Family status: married, 1 child**Place of employment:** Bremer Manufacturing**Occupation:** furnace tender**Calumet**
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Arlyn Merten**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 26 **Age:** 45**Residence:** Johnsburg**Family status:**

single

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Dan Casper**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 39 **Age:** 57**Training:** firefighter I**Residence:** Pipe**Family status:**

married

Place of employment: CD Smith Construction**Occupation:** superintendent**ROEPKE'S**
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Jason Ziegelbauer**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 13 **Age:** 33**Residence:**

Malone

Family status:

single

Place of employment: Ahern**Occupation:** Fad Shop**Vern's**
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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert Simon**Rank:** Captain**Years in department:** 21 **Age:** 51**Training:** firefighter I & II,**Residence:** Johnsburg**Family status:** married to Jan, 4 children**Place of employment:** Prairie Rock Farms Inc.**Occupation:** farmer

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eric Radandt**Rank:** Lieutenant**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 38**Training:** firefighter 1, defib, others**Residence:** Town of Calumet**Family status:** married to Stephanie, 1 child**Place of employment:** G&H Trucking**Occupation:** truck driver

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Guelig**Rank:** Engineer**Years in department:** 31 **Age:** 59**Training:** firefighter I & II**Residence:** Johnsburg**Family status:** married to Brenda, 3 children**Place of employment:** Canadian National Railroad**Occupation:** mechanic

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Tom Horsch

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 40 Age: 62
Training: firefighter I & II,
Residence: Marytown
Family status: married, 3 children
Occupation: farmer



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joshua Sabel

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 9 Age: 28
Training: firefighter I & II
City of residence: Marytown
Family status: married
Place of employment: S&S Dairy Farm
Occupation: farm manager



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Shaun Buechel

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 5 Age: 25
Training: entry level firefighter A&B, FDL Cty RIT
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: single
Place of employment: Buechel Stone
Occupation: heavy equipment operator



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Leslie Mier, Jr.

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 6 Age: 37
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: married to Amanda, 2 children
Place of employment: Windwalker
Occupation: shipping & receiving



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Schmitz

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 31 Age: 54
Training: firefighter I & II, arson officer
Residence: Malone
Family status: single
Place of employment: Schmitz Well & Pump
Occupation: well serviceman



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nick Brownson

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 8 Age: 30
Training: firefighter I & II, Hazmat tech, 1st responder, CPR
City of residence: St. Anna
Family status: married to Nadine, 4 children
Place of employment: Town of New Holstein
Occupation: road supervisor



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kyle Meyer

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 1 Age: 20
Training: firefighter I
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: single
Place of employment: Stoelting



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Phillip Freund

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 6 Age: 27
Training: Firefighter I (A,B)
City of residence: Malone
Family status: single
Place of employment: Baker Cheese



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Robert Steffes

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 11 Age: 33
Training: entry level firefighter I & II
City of residence: St. Peter
Family status: married
Place of employment: Grande Cheese
Occupation: truck driver



Erica
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Independent Insurance Agent

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Matthew Guelig

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 10 Age: 29
City of residence: Malone
Family status: single
Place of employment: Muza Sheet Metal
Occupation: sheet metal apprentice



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

David Nett

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 9 Age: 39
Training: entry level firefighter
City of residence: Malone
Family status: married to Carie, 2 children
Place of employment: Altmeyer Electric
Occupation: electrician



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Mueller

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 9 Age: 35
Training: entry level
City of residence: Pipe
Family status: married to Andrea, 1 child
Place of employment: Kaytee



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Al Schmitz

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 32
Training: firefighter I
City of residence: Pipe
Family status: married
Place of employment: Kohler Co.



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Austin Schussman

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 2 Age: 18
Training: cert 1
City of residence: Malone
Family status: single
Place of employment: Milk Specialties
Occupation: bagger



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Alex Secord

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 2 Age: 21
Training: cert 1
City of residence: Johnsburg
Family status: single
Place of employment: Town of Calumet Recycling Center
Occupation: student



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Zach VandeKolk

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 2 Age: 28
Training: firefighter A&B, FDL Cty RIT
City of residence: Pipe
Family status: married to Lindsey
Place of employment: Web Leads Inc.
Occupation: Business Development Manager/Sales



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Brian Baker**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 1st**City of residence:**

Pipe

Family status:

married

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Steve Ingraham**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 1st**City of residence:**

Chilton

Family status:

married

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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tyler Lefeber**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 1st**City of residence:**

Marytown

Family status:

married

Place of employment: Rhode Bros.**Photo not available**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gregory Guelig**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 6 **Age:** 27**Training:** fire-fighter**City of residence:**

Malone

Family status: single**Place of employment:** Dairyland Farms Custom Services**Occupation:** mechanic/operator**Photo not available****Dan's Towing****Sohrweide Insurance Agency, Inc.**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

John Roehrig**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 16 **Age:** 62**Training:** EMT-D**Residence:** Marytown**Family status:** married to Linda, 3 children**Place of employment:** Mt. Calvary Ambulance**Occupation:** EMT**Walsdorf Roofing**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Art Lisowe**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 10 **Age:** 58**Training:** first responder**City of residence:** Brothertown**Family status:** married to Karen, 2 children**Place of employment:** Metko Inc.**Occupation:** sheet metal fabricator

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ann Schmitz**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 26 **Age:** 60**Training:** EMT-basic**Residence:** Johnsburg**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** Blanck's Supper Club**Occupation:** manager**Pla-Mor Lanes**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ben Ciske**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 4 **Age:** 33**Training:** paramedic, ACLS, PHTLS, PALS, PCPP, CPR**City of residence:** Fond du Lac**Family status:** married to Rosa, 2 children**Place of employment:** Lifestar EMS**Occupation:** paramedic**FELDNER Chevrolet & Marine**

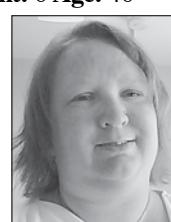
TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tyler Olig**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 5 **Age:** 24**City of residence:** Malone**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** Mt. Calvary Ambulance

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mark Wirtz**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 6 **Age:** 53**Training:** EMT-Basic**City of residence:** Fond du Lac**Family status:** married to Carol, 1 child**Place of employment:** Miron Construction**Occupation:** carpenter foreman**Chilton Furniture**

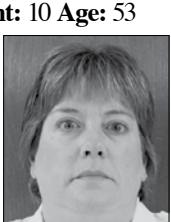
TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Debbi Calaway**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 6 **Age:** 46**Training:** national certified trauma first responder**City of residence:** Chilton**Family status:** married to Joe, 2 children**Occupation:** student**Great Midwest Bank SSB**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mike Sabel**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 10 **Age:** 53**Training:** 1st Responder**City of residence:** St. Peter**Family status:** married, 2 children**Place of employment:** Town of Taycheedah**KAYTEE**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Karen Lisowe**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 10 **Age:** 53**Training:** first responder**City of residence:** Brothertown**Family status:** married to Art, 2 children**Place of employment:** Premier Financial Credit Union**Occupation:** member relations specialist**Premier Financial Credit Union**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mike Sabel**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 10**City of residence:**

St. Peter

Family status:

married

Place of employment: Calumet County Highway Department**Baus Family Dentistry**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Heidi Brill**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 37**Training:** National Registry First Responder**City of residence:** Marytown**Family status:** married to Jamie, 2 children**Place of employment:** Inspire Dreams Learning Center**Occupation:** owner**MEYER PLUMBING, LLC**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chris Thome**Rank:** First Responder**Years in department:** 10**Training:** RN, EMT-P**City of residence:** Taycheedah**Family status:** single, 3 children**Place of employment:** Flight for Life**Occupation:** flight nurse**HORST DISTRIBUTING, INC.**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Holly Freund

Rank: EMT/First Responder

Years in department: 19 Age: 45

Training: EMT-basic

Residence: Malone

Family status: married to Dennis, 3 children

Place of employment: AALR

Occupation: nursing clerk



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Mike Wirtz

Rank: First Responder/EMT

Years in department: 13 Age: 58

Training: First responder

Residence: Malone

Family status: married to Ellen, 2 children

Place of employment: Wirtz Bros. Construction

Occupation: owner



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ellen Wirtz

Rank: First Responder

Years in department: 13 Age: 58

Training: First responder

Residence: Malone

Family status: married to Michael, 2 children

Place of employment: Consultants Laboratory of Wisconsin

Occupation: medical technologist



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fred Meyer

Rank: Chief

Years in department: 24 Age: 54

Residence: Ada

Family status: Married to Cindy, 5 children

Place of employment: Zimmer Funeral Home

Occupation: maintenance



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

David Voss

Rank: Captain

Years in department: 18 Age: 38

Training: Entry Level, Firefighter I & II, State Certified I

Residence: Elkhart Lake

Family status: married to Rachel, 2 children

Place of employment: CNH Industrial

Occupation: Machinist



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Eckardt

Rank: Lieutenant

Years in department: 33 Age: 54

Training: Fire-fighter, adult CPR

Residence: Ada

Family status: Married to Lisa, 2 children

Place of employment: CNH Industrial

Occupation: assembly tech



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Jeremy Bitter

Rank: Safety Officer

Years in department: 12 Age: 29

Training: Entry Level I & II, State #1

Residence: Elkhart Lake

Family status: married to Jenny

Place of employment: JB Carpentry (self-employed)

Occupation: Carpenter



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kevin Kirsch

Rank: Asst. Chief

Years in department: 31 Age: 52

Training: Fire-fighter I

Residence: Town of Herman

Family status: Married to Deb, 3 children

Place of em-

ployment: self-employed

Occupation: Farmer



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dan Gries

Rank: Captain

Years in department: 6 Age: 53

Training: fire-fighter 2

City of residence: Ada

Family status: married to Theresa, 3 children

Place of employ-

ment: Quality State

Occupation: bulk petroleum delivery



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Matt Horst

Rank: Lieutenant

Years in department: 12 Age: 31

Training: entry firefighter I & II

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: married to Shana

Place of employ-

ment: CNH Industrial

Occupation: team leader



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dennis Grunewald

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 41 Age: 66

Training: Fire-fighter I

Residence: Ada

Family status: widowed, 2 children

Place of em-

ployment: self-employed, Grunewald floor installation



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT**David Scheibl**

Rank: Asst. Chief

Years in department: 7 Age: 54

Training: fire-fighter II, EMT-B

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: married

Place of employment: Curt G. Joa



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Terry Spindler

Rank: Lieutenant

Years in department: 13 Age: 48

Training: Entry Level I & II

Residence: Ada

Family status: married to Faye, 2 children

Place of employment: Spindler Farms

Occupation: Farmer



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bonnie Polster

Rank: Firefighter/Safety Officer

Years in department: 12 Age: 49

Training: entry firefighter I & II, CPR

City of residence: St. Anna

Family status: single



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Carl W. Johnson

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 47 Age: 78

Training: Fire-fighter I

Residence: Ada

Family status: Married to Marjorie, 2 children

Place of employment: retired



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NFPA announces creation of policy group

Citing the need to have an arm's length view on policy issues that impact fire, life, and electrical safety, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) announced last month the launch of the NFPA Fire & Life Safety Policy Institute.

The Policy Institute will study a range of issues and provide guidance and information to policymakers on the best approaches governments can take to improve safety for the citizens they serve.

"We have made tremendous progress in reducing loss from fire since NFPA's inception, but we are painfully reminded every day that there is more to be done," NFPA President Jim Pauley said.

According to NFPA, in 2016 U.S. fire

departments responded to a fire every 24 seconds; one structure fire was reported every 60 seconds. While the number of civilian fire deaths in the U.S. has decreased by 54 percent from 7,395 in 1977 to 3,390 in 2016, fire still claimed nine lives a day and caused almost \$11 billion in direct property damage.

NFPA President Jim Pauley explains how the institute will help elected officials understand and navigate these issues through analysis and recommended policy approaches designed to protect citizens.

There have been recent situations where some combination of code adoption, enforcement, and awareness efforts were woefully inadequate for one reason

or another, resulting in tragedy. These include the Oakland Ghost Ship fire, which killed 36 people; the London Grenfell apartment fire, which took the lives of nearly 80 people; and a number of recent fires in buildings under construction.

"It takes a full fire prevention and protection system to reduce loss, and either intentionally or unintentionally that system has been broken. And the public, who believes this system exists and relies on it, has been let down," Pauley said. "We can do better."

Pauley said policymakers are key to reducing loss from fire and other hazards, and the purpose of the NFPA Fire & Life Safety Policy Institute is to help keep their communities safe.

ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Carl Maeuser

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 48 **Age:** 78

Training: Fire-fighter I, CPR certified

Residence: Town of Herman

Family status: Widowed, 3 children



Occupation: Farmer

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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kyle Heim

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 12 **Age:** 30

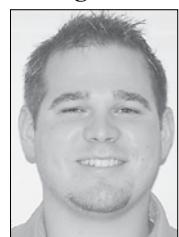
Training: entry firefighter I & II

City of residence: Howards Grove

Family status: married to Stephania, one child

Place of employment: Heim Plumbing

Occupation: plumber



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gary Mueller

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 28 **Age:** 65

Training: Fire-fighter I

Residence: Town of Meeme

Family status: Married to Sharon, 4 children

Place of employment: Tri-County

Occupation: Mechanic



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eric Mueller

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 18 **Age:** 39

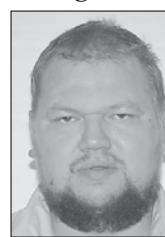
Training: Fire-fighter I

Residence: Newton

Family status: single

Place of employment: Riesterer & Schnell

Occupation: Mechanic



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kelly Johnson

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 29 **Age:** 47

Training: Fire-fighter I, Adult CPR

Residence: Ada

Family status: single

Place of employment: Vogel Chevrolet



Occupation: Sales

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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Arthur Meyer

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 2 **Age:** 18

Training: entry level A & B

City of residence: Ada

Family status: single

Place of employment: Faith Technologies

Occupation: electrician



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Stanley Bassuener

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 5 **Age:** 37

City of residence: Ada

Family status: married, 2 children

Place of employment: Sargent



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fred Meyer

Rank: Firefighter

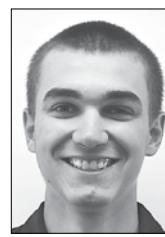
Years in department: 3 **Age:** 20

Training: enrolled LTC

City of residence: Ada

Family status: single

Occupation: student



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott Kafka

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 2 **Age:** 21

Training: enrolled at LTC

City of residence: Cleveland

Family status: single

Place of employment: Land O' Lakes



Occupation: general laborer

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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gavin Roelse

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 2 **Age:** 18

City of residence: Sheboygan

Family status: single

Place of employment: Roth's Auto Restoration

Occupation: fire medic



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jordan Puchalla

Rank: Firefighter I

Years in department: 2 **Age:** 20

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: single

Place of employment: Blue Harbor

Occupation: sauté cook



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeremy Ladwig

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 3

City of residence: Newton

Family status: married



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bill Luebke

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 2 **Age:** 41

City of residence: Howards Grove

Family status: single, 2 children

Place of employment: Gibbsville Implement

Occupation: service technician



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New way of fighting fires

Cleveland's rapid response more than truck, gear

By Mark Sherry

It is not just the shiny, new pick-up truck or the equipment in it which makes the Cleveland Fire Department's rapid response vehicle a new way to fight fires—it is the philosophy behind how the truck is staffed and used.

Captain Kevin Jacky of the department said there is a slowly growing movement in firefighting toward the rapid response vehicles. The Middleton Fire Department near Madison had adopted the rapid response philosophy and shared its knowledge and experiences at a fire conference attended by members of the Cleveland department.

While all fire departments respond as quickly as they can to fire scenes, of course, the departments which are adopting the rapid response philosophy take that to the next level. Instead of waiting for enough volunteers to get to the fire station to fill a larger vehicle, the first person who gets to the Cleveland Fire Station hops in the new rapid response pick-up and heads to the scene. Fire experts say that fires can double in size every minute. In addition to not having to wait for multiple firefighters to arrive at the station, the rapid response vehicle saves precious minutes by being smaller and faster than bigger fire trucks. It can get into places that larger trucks cannot, including closer to the source of the fire in some instances.

While a single firefighter arriving first on the scene cannot enter a burning structure by himself or herself, Jacky said they can apply water to the fire through a window or door from the exterior of the building. The truck carries its own water and has new technology in the hose system to break up the water droplets more and fully use each gallon of water. Jacky said the system is more effective in extinguishing flames without causing as much water damage. He added that a firefighter does not even need to be in the same room as the flames as the pressure differences caused by fire can sometimes carry the spray from this system into the next room.

Jacky said the truck cost around \$65,000—a fraction of what larger fire trucks cost—and a matching Department of Natural Resources grant covered half the cost. The Cleveland Fire Department acquired the truck in April and, thankfully, has only had to use it so far on a couple brush fires and an incident in



Captain Kevin Jacky of the Cleveland Fire Department stands behind the 2017 Ford F350 which the department has acquired and outfitted with special equipment to make it a rapid response vehicle.

Mark Sherry photos

which some feed caught on fire.

The Kohler Company donated the engine which powers the pump system. There is 200 feet of hose on the vehicle and two breathing apparatuses. The vehicle can carry a total of four people.

The unit in the back of the pick-up cost around \$20,000 or less, Jacky said, and can be custom made for different vehicles including utility or all-terrain vehicles. The Middleton Fire Department has four of the rapid response vehicles, and Jacky said they can surround a structure in a short amount of time by using all four of them.

Another possible advantage of this type of vehicle, he said, would be to locate them in more remote parts of a fire district. Most volunteer fire departments in this area cover broad rural areas,



and several of these vehicles kept with firefighters in various corners of those districts could greatly reduce response times and possibly save more structures and lives. Jacky said he would gladly talk

with any area departments which want to see the rapid response vehicle in action. The 20-year veteran of the Cleveland Fire Department can be reached by calling 1-920-901-2100.

CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tony Meyer

Rank: Chief
Years in department: 17 **Age:** 35
Training: Fire-fighter Level I & II, EMT-B
Residence: Centerville
Family status: Married to Lydia
Place of employment: Meyer Mechanical
Occupation: Steamfitter



CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Keith Grupe

Rank: 1st Asst. Chief
Years in department: 35 **Age:** 57
Training: Fire-fighter II, First Responder
Residence: Centerville
Family status: Married to Karen, 4 children
Place of employment: Thrivent Financial
Occupation: Financial Consultant



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CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cliff Henning

Rank: 2nd Asst. Chief, Firefighter, First Responder
Years in department: 12 **Age:** 50
Training: fire-fighter I, EMT
City of residence: Cleveland
Family status: single
Place of employment: Whistling Straits Golf Course, Kohler Co.
Occupation: head equipment mechanic



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CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jonathan Roeck

Rank: Captain
Years in department: 23 **Age:** 54
Training: Fire-fighter I
Residence: Cleveland
Family status: Married to Cynthia, 1 child
Place of employment: Stoelting
Occupation: service technician



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| <p>CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Ron Zastrow</p> <p>Rank: Firefighter Years in department: 27 Age: 49 Training: Firefighter instructor Residence: Cleveland Family status: Married to Dawn, 2 children Place of employment: Aristo & LTC Occupation: general manager, adjunct fire instructor II</p> <p>CSB CLEVELAND STATE BANK</p> | <p>CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Nick Pahl</p> <p>Rank: Firefighter Years in department: 14 Age: 37 Training: firefighter I City of residence: Cleveland Family status: married to Crystal</p> <p>CSB CLEVELAND STATE BANK</p> | <p>CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Gary G. VanDeLoo</p> <p>Rank: Firefighter Years in department: 47 Age: 68 Training: Certified fire officer I Residence: Cleveland Family status: Married to Ellen, 1 child Occupation: retired</p> <p>St. NAZIANZ MILLING LLC</p> | <p>CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Michael Mueller</p> <p>Rank: Firefighter Years in department: 26 Age: 46 Training: Firefighter I & II Residence: Newton Family status: Married to Kelly, 2 children Place of employment: R. P. Jost Occupation: Electrician</p> <p>Tri-County News</p> |

CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Schuessler

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 4 **Age:** 24
Training: firefighter
City of residence: Cleveland
Family status: married to Angie
Place of employment: Braun Electric Inc.
Occupation: mechanic



CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Autumn Quinn

Rank: First Responder
Years in department: 3 **Age:** 32
Training: EMT
City of residence: Cleveland
Family status: married to Ian, 2 children
Place of employment: Point Creek Home
Occupation: independent living assistant



CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ann Albright

Rank: First Responder
Years in department: 20 **Age:** 46
Training: first responder
City of residence: New Holstein
Family status: single
Place of employment: Kwik Trip
Occupation: guest services



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Clayton Slotke

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 2 **Age:** 31
Training: state 1
City of residence: Cleveland
Family status: married to Lydia, 1 child
Place of employment: Point Beach Nuclear Plant
Occupation: security



CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Zane Niemojuski

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 2 **Age:** 19
Training: firefighter Parts A & B
City of residence: Cleveland
Family status: single
Place of employment: City of Manitowoc
Occupation: parks department



CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Montgomery Schmitt

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 2 **Age:** 25
Training: State I
City of residence: Cleveland
Family status: single
Place of employment: Acuity Insurance
Occupation: computer programmer



CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeremy Lehman

Rank: Firefighter, First Responder
Years in department: 5
Training: state II fire certification, EMT-advanced, NASCAR EMS certified
City of residence: Cleveland
Family status: married to Laura, 1 child
Place of employment: Kohler, Plymouth Ambulance
Occupation: quality supervisor for Kohler Engines Division



CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Logan Strywick

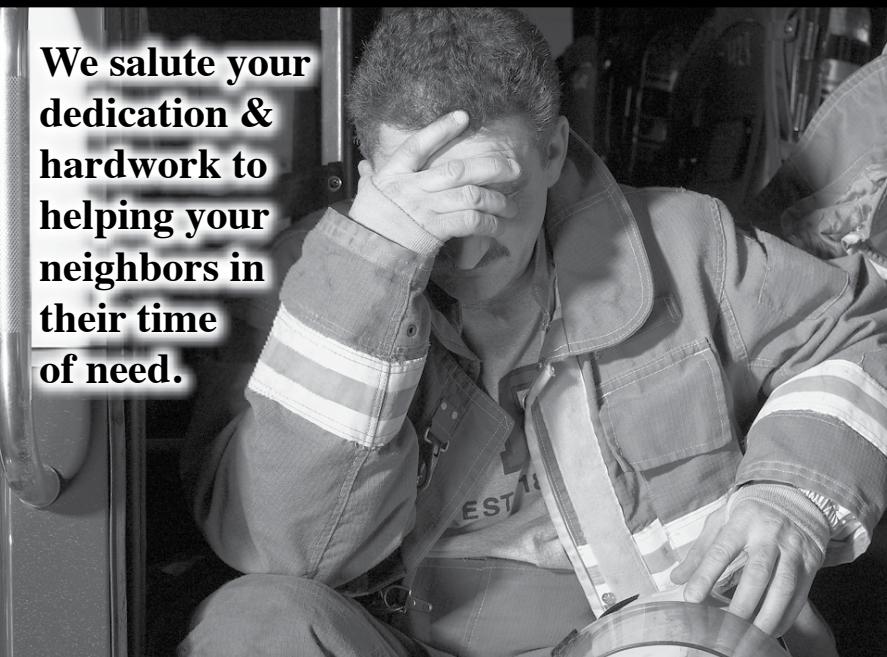
Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 3 **Age:** 20
Training: firefighter parts A & B
City of residence: Cleveland
Family status: single
Place of employment: Plymouth Plumbing and Heating



CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert Shemenkowski

Rank: Firefighter, First Responder
Years in department: 8 **Age:** 59
Training: entry level firefighter, first responder
City of residence: Cleveland
Family status: married to Tracy, 6 children
Place of employment: Johnsonville Sausage, LLC
Occupation: support specialist

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NFPA urges home occupants to have 2 ways out

Knowing that today's homes burn faster than ever, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out" as the official theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, Oct. 8-14.

Experts say you may have as little as two minutes (or even less) to safely escape a typical home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds.

"Modern home furnishings, along with the fact that newer homes tend to be built with more open spaces and unprotected lightweight construction, all contribute to an increased rate at which home fires burn," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "These factors make home

escape planning and practice critical."

Meanwhile, a national survey recently conducted by NFPA shows that Americans continue to have many misperceptions around home escape planning and practice:

- Less than half of Americans (48 percent) know that the correct components of a home fire escape plan include working smoke alarms, two ways out of each room, and an outside meeting place.

- Nearly one quarter of Americans (23 percent) do not know that each room in the home should have at least two exits.

- Close to three in five Americans (57 percent) think that in a typical single-family home fire situation, once the

smoke alarm sounds, the average person would have more than two minutes to escape safely.

"Home is the place people are at greatest risk of fire, but ironically it's the place they feel safest from it," Carli said. "That over-confidence may contribute to the public's continued lack of awareness around home escape planning and practice."

"Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out" works to teach people about the true speed at which today's home fires can spread, and the vital importance of home escape planning and practice in the event of one. A home escape plan includes:

- working smoke alarms on every

level of the home, in every bedroom and near all sleeping areas;

- two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window; and

- a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) that is a safe distance from the home.

Home escape plans should be practiced by all members of the household twice a year.

"In a fire situation, a practiced home escape plan ensures that everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds and how to use that time wisely," Carli said.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's campaign, "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out," visit firepreventionweek.org.

CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cheryl Jackett

Rank: First Responder
Years in department: 19 **Age:** 55

Training: EMT-Basic

Family status: Married to Jeff, 1 child

Place of employment: Sheboygan County

Occupation: Child support specialist



ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eric Keller

Rank: Chief, Firefighter, Engineer
Years in department: 17 **Age:** 39

Training: Fireman I & 2

Residence:

St. Nazianz

Family status: Single, 1 child

Place of employment: CNH Industrial



ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fred Reindl

Rank: Assistant Chief
Years in department: 39 **Age:** 59

Residence: St. Nazianz

Family status: married to Janice, 2 children

Place of employment: Reindl Plumbing

Occupation: plumbing contractor



CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dawn M. Kelm

Rank: First Responder
Years in department: 19 **Age:** 56

Training: First Responder

Residence: Cleveland

Family status: Married to Brian, 4 children

Occupation: retired



ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Philip Plagemann

Rank: Captain, Firefighter, training officer

Years in department: 13 **Age:** 31

Training: firefighter entry level I & II, RIT (rapid intervention team) & trench rescue, grain bin rescue

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: Married to Jackie

Place of employment: Kohler



ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dennis Waniger

Rank: Firefighter, Captain, driver
Years in department: 19 **Age:** 50

Residence: Valders

Family status: married to Jane, 2 children

Place of employment: CNH Industrial

Occupation: laborer



CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dawn Zastrow

Rank: First Responder
Years in department: 24 **Age:** 48

Training: First responder Defibrillator

Residence: Cleveland

Family status: Married to Ron, 2 children

Place of employment: Bernis Manufacturing and LTC

Occupation: documentation/compliance administrator and adjunct EMS instructor



ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ray Mrotek

Rank: Firefighter/ Lieutenant
Years in department: 32 **Age:** 63

Training: firefighter I

Residence: St. Nazianz

Family status: married to Danielle, 2 children



ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Herman Waniger

Rank: Captain, Engineer
Years in department: 39 **Age:** 59

Residence: St. Nazianz

Family status: married to Patty, 4 children

Place of employment: CNH Industrial



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Paul Litz

Rank: Firefighter, Engineer, Lieutenant

Years in department: 17 **Age:** 51

Training: paramedic, firefighter I

City of residence: Town of Eaton

Family status: married to Karen, 3 children

Place of employment: Self-Employed

Occupation: truck driver

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Richard Galien

Rank: Firefighter, Engineer

Years in department: 20 **Age:** 54

Training: firefighter I & II

Residence: St. Nazianz

Family status: married to Julie, 2 children

Place of employment: Country Visions Co-op

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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Greg Gries

Rank: Training Officer

Years in department: 17 **Age:** 50

Training: medical first responder, AEMT

Residence: Town of Liberty

Family status: single, 3 children

Place of employment: Libertyland Farms

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Kraig Binversie

Rank: Firefighter, Engineer, Fire Inspector

Years in department: 18 **Age:** 36

Training: firefighter I & II, firefighter I state certified, fire inspector

Residence: Town of Schleswig

Family status: married to Mary, 2 children

Place of employment: Dairyland Seed

Occupation: Dairyland Seed dealer



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Mary Zipperer

Rank: Secretary, training officer

Years in department: 17 **Age:** 39

Training: medical first responder, AEMT

Residence: Town of Liberty

Family status: single

Place of employment: D'Loryan Llamas, LLC

Occupation: owner



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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paul Plagemann

Rank: Engineer, Firefighter

Years in department: 28 **Age:** 55

Training: firefighter I

Residence: Kiel

Family status: married to Karen, 3 children

Place of employment: CNH Industrial



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Jon Lenz

Rank: Firefighter, Engineer

Years in department: 13

Family status: married to Naomi, 3 children

Place of employment: Spancrete



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Jerry Schneider

Rank: First Responder driver, Firefighter, Engineer

Years in department: 23 **Age:** 53

Training: firefighter I & II, fire inspector

Residence: St. Nazianz

Family status: married to Tammy, 2 children

Place of employment: Spancrete

Occupation: foreman



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Jeff Maurer

Rank: Firefighter, Engineer

Years in department: 26 **Age:** 49

Training: firefighter I

Residence: St. Nazianz

Family status: single

Place of employment: St. Nazianz Milling

Occupation: driver



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Justin Kurtz**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 8**Training:** firefighter I & II**Family status:** married to Laura**Place of employment:** Drexel Building Supply

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Jason Schneider**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 8 **Age:** 36**Training:** firefighter I & II certified**City of residence:** St. Nazianz**Family status:** married to Cheri, 2 children**Place of employment:** Mekco, a division of Concept Works**Occupation:** engineer

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jon Schad**Rank:** Firefighter, driver**Years in department:** 19 **Age:** 45**Residence:** St. Nazianz**Family status:** married to Cathy**Place of employment:** CNH Industrial**Occupation:** Nitro assemble department

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Richard Bingham**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 12 **Age:** 61**Training:** 9 yrs. firefighter & first responder experience elsewhere**City of residence:** St. Nazianz**Family status:** married to Kristen, 3 children**Place of employment:** CNH Industrial**Occupation:** shipping/receiving

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kristen Buchanan**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 3 **Age:** 22**City of residence:** St. Nazianz**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** Paragon Community Services, Buchanan Woodcrafting

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peggy Tyson**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 1 **Age:** 38**Training:** firefighter A & B certified**City of residence:** St. Nazianz**Family status:** married to Paul, 2 children**Place of employment:** CNH Industrial**Occupation:** administrative specialist

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tom Blaul**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 27**Training:** firefighter 1 & 2**City of residence:** Meeme**Family status:** married to Jenny, 1 child**Place of employment:** Baileigh Industrial**Occupation:** service & parts coordinator

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chad Plagemann**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 3 **Age:** 28**Training:** entry part A&B, Hazmat**City of residence:** Manitowoc**Family status:** married to Amy**Place of employment:** Kohler**Occupation:** engineering technician

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brak Okos**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 1 **Age:** 25**City of residence:** St. Nazianz**Family status:** single, 2 children**Place of employment:** Spancrete**Occupation:** concrete laborer

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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Shawn Mangan**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 30**Training:** firefighter I & II**City of residence:** School Hill**Family status:** married to Stephany, 1 child**Place of employment:** Eissens & Haasl Financial Group, LLC**Occupation:** financial advisor

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Murley**Rank:** Firefighter**Years in department:** 1st **Age:** 24**Training:** entry level part A & B**City of residence:** St. Nazianz**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** CNH Industrial**Occupation:** painter

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott Woepse**Rank:** Medical First Responder, Asst. EMS Chief**Years in department:** 25 **Age:** 53**Training:** medical first responder**Residence:** Town of Meeme**Family status:** married to Beth Ann, 5 children**Place of employment:** Northstar Select Sires**Occupation:** A.I. technician

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tammy Schneider**Rank:** Medical First Responder**Years in department:** 18 **Age:** 48**Training:** medical first responder**Residence:** St. Nazianz**Family status:** married to Jerry, 2 children**Place of employment:** Just Orthodontics

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peggy Raether**Rank:** Medical First Responder**Years in department:** 8**Training:** medical first responder**City of residence:** Town of Eaton**Family status:** 2 children**Place of employment:** Kohler

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rose Lindemann**Rank:** Medical First Responder**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 24**Training:** EMT-Basic, First Responder**City of residence:** Sheboygan**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** Nemak, Valder's Ambulance**Occupation:** special needs caregiver, EMT basic

Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gregory P. Mueller

Rank: Chief
Years in department: 27 **Age:** 50

Training: fire-fighter I/inspector/officer

Residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Mary Beth, 2 children

Place of employment: Badger Well Drilling
Occupation: well drilling



Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Birschbach

Rank: 1st Asst. Chief
Years in department: 37 **Age:** 60

Training: firefighter I & II, officers training

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Denise, 2 children

Place of employment: St. Lawrence Seminary
Occupation: carpenter



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Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jef Burg

Rank: Captain
Years in department: 27 **Age:** 47

Training: fire-fighter I

City of residence: Malone

Family status: married to Jodie, 1 child

Place of employment: State of Wisconsin

Occupation: officer



Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian King

Rank: LT
Years in department: 5 **Age:** 42

Training: RIT certified

City of residence: Fond du Lac

Family status: married to Amy, 2 children

Place of employment: Rhode Brothers, Inc.

Occupation: steam fitter



Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Doug Thome

Rank: 2nd Asst. Chief
Years in department: 37 **Age:** 55

Training: arson investigator, officers training

Residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Karen, 2 children

Place of employment: C.D. Smith

Occupation: field superintendent



Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott Sabel

Rank: Captain
Years in department: 10 **Age:** 34

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single

Place of employment: Ken Sabel Carpentry

Occupation: carpenter



Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bob Sabel

Rank: Lieutenant

Years in department: 10 **Age:** 31

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single

Place of employment: Ken Sabel Carpentry

Occupation: carpenter



Mt. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fred A. Koeppen

Rank: 1st Responder Driver

Years in department: 49 **Age:** 66

Residence: St. Nazianz

Family status: married to Mary Jo, 2 children

Place of employment: Koeppen Hardware

Occupation: owner



Mt. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mary Jo Koeppen

Rank: First Responder driver

Years in department: 41 **Age:** 62

Training: first responder-D

Residence: St. Nazianz

Family status: married to Fred A., 2 children

Place of employment: Koeppen Hdw & Forget Me Not Flowers by MJ

Occupation: floral designer, owner



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CMC AMBULANCE PERSONNEL

Kent Katalinick

Rank: Lead Paramedic
Years in department: 19 **Age:** 57

Training: paramedic, army medic

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: married to Patricia, 2 children

Place of employment: Calumet Medical Center/Gold Cross Ambulance
Occupation: paramedic



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Adam Marx

Rank: Paramedic

Years in department: 6 **Age:** 30

Training: paramedic ACLS, ITLS, PALS

Place of employment: Calumet Medical Center/Gold Cross Ambulance

Occupation: paramedic



CMC AMBULANCE PERSONNEL

Bob Schultz

Rank: Paramedic

Years in department: 17 **Age:** 47

Training: paramedic

City of residence: Fond du Lac

Family status: married

Place of employment: Calumet Medical Center/Gold Cross Ambulance



Occupation: paramedic



CMC AMBULANCE PERSONNEL

Shane Hughes

Rank: Paramedic

Years in department: 20

Training: CC-EMT-P, ACLS, ITLS, BLS

Place of employment: Calumet Medical Center/Gold Cross Ambulance

Occupation: paramedic



CMC AMBULANCE PERSONNEL

Brad Ruesch

Rank: Paramedic

Years in department: 3

Training: ACLS, PALS, ITLS, CCEMT-P

Place of employment: Calumet Medical Center/Gold Cross Ambulance

Occupation: critical care paramedic



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CMC AMBULANCE PERSONNEL

Mary Jo Koeppen

Rank: First Responder driver

Years in department: 41 **Age:** 62

Training: first responder-D

Residence: St. Nazianz

Family status: married to Fred A., 2 children

Place of employment: Koeppen Hdw & Forget Me Not Flowers by MJ

Occupation: floral designer, owner



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CMC AMBULANCE PERSONNEL

Scott Sabel

Rank: Captain

Years in department: 10 **Age:** 34

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single

Place of employment: Ken Sabel Carpentry

Occupation: carpenter



Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bob Sabel

Rank: Lieutenant

Years in department: 10 **Age:** 31

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single

Place of employment: Ken Sabel Carpentry

Occupation: carpenter



Mt. Calvary Fire Department**Paul Petrie**

Rank: President
Years in department: 42 **Age:** 63
Training: firefighter I & II
City of residence: St. Cloud
Family status: married to Sue, 2 children
Place of employment: Badger Well Drilling
Occupation: office manager

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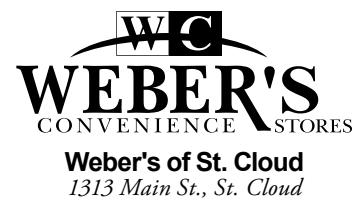
Rank: Firefighter/Vice President/Safety Officer
Years in department: 24 **Age:** 59
Training: firefighter I
Residence: Town of Marshfield
Family status: married to Lynn, 2 children
Place of employment: Stodola-Maas Construction
Occupation: mason

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Kevin Schaefer**

Rank: Treasurer
Years in department: 19 **Age:** 45
Training: firefighter I & II, RIT
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: married to Lisa, 2 children
Place of employment: Michels Corporation
Occupation: director of supply chain

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Jeff Kaiser**

Rank: Director
Years in department: 25 **Age:** 50
Training: firefighter I
Residence: Malone
Family status: married to Sara, 2 children
Place of employment: Kohler Co.
Occupation: ATL operator

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Nathan Kaiser**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 3 **Age:** 21
Training: entry level firefighter
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: single
Occupation: student

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Brian D. Stark**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 22 **Age:** 63
Training: firefighter II
Residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: married to Janet, 2 children
Place of employment: Kohler Co.
Occupation: caster

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Kevin Seling**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 21 **Age:** 42
Training: firefighter I
Residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: single
Place of employment: Andrew Excavation
Occupation: operator

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Keith A. Abler**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 18 **Age:** 41
Training: firefighter I & II, driver/operator
Residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: married
Place of employment: Ziegelbauer HVAC
Occupation: Journeyman sheet metal worker

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Brian Haensgen**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 16 **Age:** 39
Training: firefighter I & II
Residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: married to Michelle, 2 children
Place of employment: C.D. Smith Construction
Occupation: carpenter

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Phillip Schmitz**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 6 **Age:** 28
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: single
Place of employment: Bremer Manufacturing
Occupation: metal pourer

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Derrick Stark**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 7
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: single

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Paul Strebe**

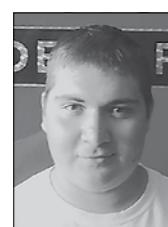
Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 1st **Age:** 37
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: married to Myra
Place of employment: JF Ahren
Occupation: truck driver

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Cody Thome**

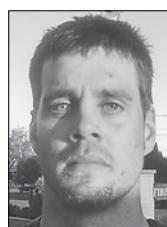
Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 6 **Age:** 24
Training: entry level firefighter
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: single
Occupation: student

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Brian Schaefer**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 6
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: single
Occupation: farmer

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Joseph Brenner**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 5 **Age:** 36
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: married to Leah, 3 children
Place of employment: JF Ahern
Occupation: plumber

**Mt. Calvary Fire Department****Alex Thelen**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 3 **Age:** 21
Training: State Certified 1
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: single
Place of employment: Perron
Occupation: mechanic



Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**Josh Schneider**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 3 Age: 20
Training: entry I & II
City of residence: St. Peter
Place of employment: Holiday Automotive



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Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**Quinn Kaiser**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 3 Age: 21
Training: entry level A & B, driver/operator, firefighter 1
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: single
Occupation: student



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Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**Austin Kaiser**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 1 Age: 22
Training: entry level firefighter
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: single
Place of employment: S&S Mechanical
Occupation: steamfitter

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Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**Josh Burg**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 2 Age: 19
Training: entry level firefighter A & B
City of residence: Malone
Family status: single
Occupation: student



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Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**Austin Reader**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 3 Age: 22
Training: firefighter 1
City of residence: St. Peter
Family status: married to Rachel
Place of employment: Nelson Tree Service
Occupation: line clearance



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Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT****Cory Thome**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 1st Age: 22
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: single
Place of employment: New Holstein Police Department
Occupation: police officer



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Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT****James Brei**

Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 1 Age: 30
Training: 10 yrs. fire service with Jackson Fire Dept.
City of residence: St. Cloud
Family status: married to Kristin
Place of employment: Quality Removal
Occupation: waste hauler



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Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 3 Age: 28
Training: entry level A & B, driver/operator
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: single
Place of employment: Badger Well Drilling
Occupation: well driller and pump



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Rank: Firefighter
Years in department: 2 Age: 22
Training: entry level A & B, driver/operator
City of residence: Malone
Family status: single
Place of employment: Tasch's Customs
Occupation: truck driver



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Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT****Isidro Tomas**

Rank: Entry Level
Years in department: 1 Age: 23
City of residence: Fond du Lac
Family status: single
Place of employment: Bremer Manufacturing & Quad Graphics
Occupation: pouring, finishing



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Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**Mt. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT****Kyle Kraus**

Rank: Firefighter/First Responder
Years in department: 7
City of residence: Malone
Family status: single



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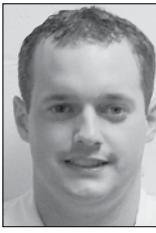
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Mt. CALVARY FIRE/AMBULANCE**Dan Kuhl****Rank:** Firefighter/Aemt**Years in department:** 8 **Age:** 34**Training:** firefighter I & II, Hazmat ops, driver/operator, officer I & II, AEMT**City of residence:** Mt. Calvary**Family status:** married to Kim, 1 child**Place of employment:** Milk Specialties Global**Occupation:** electrician**Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE****Kim Kuhl****Rank:** EMT-Basic**Years in department:** 12 **Age:** 32**Training:** EMT-B**City of residence:** Mt. Calvary**Family status:** married to Dan, 1 child**Place of employment:** Bob Schuchardt Insurance**Occupation:** receptionist**Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE****Mary Krause****Rank:** NR-EMT**Years in department:** 25 **Age:** 67**Training:** EMT-basic**City of residence:** Chilton**Family status:** widowed, 2 children**Place of employment:** Fox Valley Technical College**Occupation:** EMS Instructor**Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE****Kelsey Yahr****Rank:** EMT**Years in department:** 3**Training:** EMT-Basic**City of residence:** Oshkosh**Family status:** single, 4 children**Place of employment:** Mt. Calvary Ambulance**Occupation:** EMT**Mt. CALVARY FIRE/AMBULANCE****Joseph E. Abler****Rank:** Firefighter/Ambulance Driver**Years in department:** 47 **Age:** 65**Training:** driver/operator**Residence:** Mt. Calvary**Family status:** married to Judy, 2 children**Occupation:** self-employed painter**Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE****Sharon Adamski****Rank:** EMT**Years in department:** 19 **Age:** 53**Training:** EMT w/ ALS, defib**City of residence:** Chilton**Family status:** married to Joe, 1 child**Place of employment:** Calumet Co. Home Health & Hospice, Fox Valley Technical College/Mt. Calvary Ambulance**Occupation:** home health/hospice aide, EMT, EMS Aide, CPR instructor**HAIR'S TO YOU****Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE****Christina A. Karls****Rank:** EMT**Years in department:** 19 **Age:** 43**Training:** EMT-IV Tech, CPR, CNA**City of residence:** Mt. Calvary**Family status:** engaged**Place of employment:** Calumet Medical Center & Mt. Calvary Ambulance**Occupation:** ER Tech, EMT IV Tech**Dan's Towing****Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE****Mt. CALVARY FIRE/AMBULANCE****Jeff J. Abler****Rank:** Captain**Years in department:** 19 **Age:** 37**Training:** firefighter I & II, driver/operator, IC training**Residence:** Mt. Calvary**Family status:** married to Melissa, 4 children**Place of employment:** Groeshal
Occupation: Sheet Metal Journeyman**Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE****Stacy L. Casper****Rank:** EMT**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 40**Training:** EMT-BD, CNA, CPR**City of residence:** Mt. Calvary**Family status:** married to Robert, 3 children**Place of employment:** Schwarz's Supper Club**Occupation:** waitress**Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE****Mike Roehrig****Rank:** Driver**Years in department:** 9 **Age:** 33**City of residence:** Kiel**Family status:** single**Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE****John Roehrig****Rank:** Driver**Years in department:** 27 **Age:** 62**Training:** CPR, EMT**Residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** married to Linda, 3 children**Occupation:** student**Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE****Stephanie Immel****Rank:** EMT-Basic**Years in department:** 11 **Age:** 32**Training:** EMT-B**City of residence:** St. Cloud**Family status:** married, 3 children**Place of employment:** Mt. Calvary Ambulance & National Exchange Bank**Occupation:** EMT/office & teller**Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE****Rachel Roehrig****Rank:** Paramedic**Years in department:** 11 **Age:** 31**Training:** paramedic**City of residence:** New Holstein**Family status:** single**Place of employment:** Gold Cross Ambulance & Mt. Calvary Ambulance**Occupation:** RN/paramedic**Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE****Mark Wirtz****Rank:** Driver/EMT**Years in department:** 7 **Age:** 53**Training:** EMT**City of residence:** St. Peter**Family status:** married, 1 child**Place of employment:** Miron Construction**Occupation:** carpenter

Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Jeff Roehrig

Rank: Paramedic
Years in department: 10 Age: 27
Training: paramedic
City of residence: New Holstein
Family status: single
Place of employment: Theda Star
Occupation: paramedic

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Tyler Berenz

Rank: EMT/Driver
Years in department: 6 Age: 24
Training: EMT-B
City of residence: St. Cloud
Family status: single
Place of employment: Meyer Plumbing

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

John Abler

Rank: Driver
Years in department: 4
City of residence: St. Peter
Family status: single
Occupation: retired

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Annie Morgan

Rank: Paramedic
Years in department: 5
Training: paramedic
City of residence: Fond du Lac
Family status: single
Place of employment: Life Star Ambulance
Occupation: paramedic

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Ellen Wirtz

Rank: First Responder
Years in department: 9 Age: 58
Training: First Responder
City of residence: Malone
Family status: married to Mike, 2 children
Place of employment: Consultants Laboratory of Wisconsin
Occupation: medical technologist

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Theresa Hostettler

Rank: EMT
Years in department: 13 Age: 65
Training: EMT/LPN
City of residence: Chilton
Family status: 4 children, 4 grandchildren
Place of employment: Calumet Medical Center
Occupation: LPN

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Katie Van Ruiswijk

Rank: Driver/EMT-Basic
Years in department: 4
City of residence: Fond du Lac
Family status: married
Place of employment: Agnesian Healthcare
Occupation: nurse

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Louis Nett

Rank: Paramedic
Years in department: 2
Training: EMT-B
City of residence: Fond du Lac
Family status: single

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Kyle Kraus

Rank: Driver/EMR
Years in department: 2
Training: driver/EMR
City of residence: Malone
Family status: single
Occupation: farmer

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Tina Fugate

Rank: AEMT
Years in department: 3 Age: 48
Training: AEMT, CPR instructor
City of residence: Fond du Lac
Family status: single
Place of employment: Mt. Calvary Ambulance Service, Moraine Park Technical College

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

John Gerarden

Rank: Paramedic
Years in department: 2
Training: paramedic
City of residence: Oshkosh
Family status: single

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Heather Shoemaker

Rank: Paramedic
Years in department: 2
Training: paramedic
City of residence: Beaver Dam
Family status: single
Occupation: student

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Kaylee Haring

Rank: EMT-Basic
Years in department: 2
Training: EMT-B
City of residence: Neenah
Family status: married
Occupation: student

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Tom Pickart

Rank: EMT-Basic
Years in department: 4 Age: 29
Training: EMT-B
City of residence: Fond du Lac
Family status: married to Rebecca
Place of employment: Ryan Brothers Ambulance Service
Occupation: EMT-Basic

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Mt. CALVARY AMBULANCE

Kevin Braun

Rank: Driver
Years in department: 14 Age: 34
Training: driver
City of residence: Mt. Calvary
Family status: single

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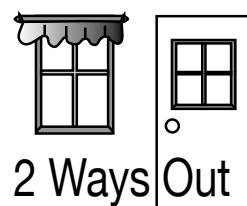
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- Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.
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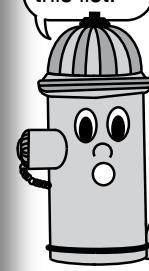
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- Do you know two or more ways out of the house?
- Never use elevators if there is a fire (stairs are much safer).
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- Once you are out of the house, stay out of the house.



Families check out this list!



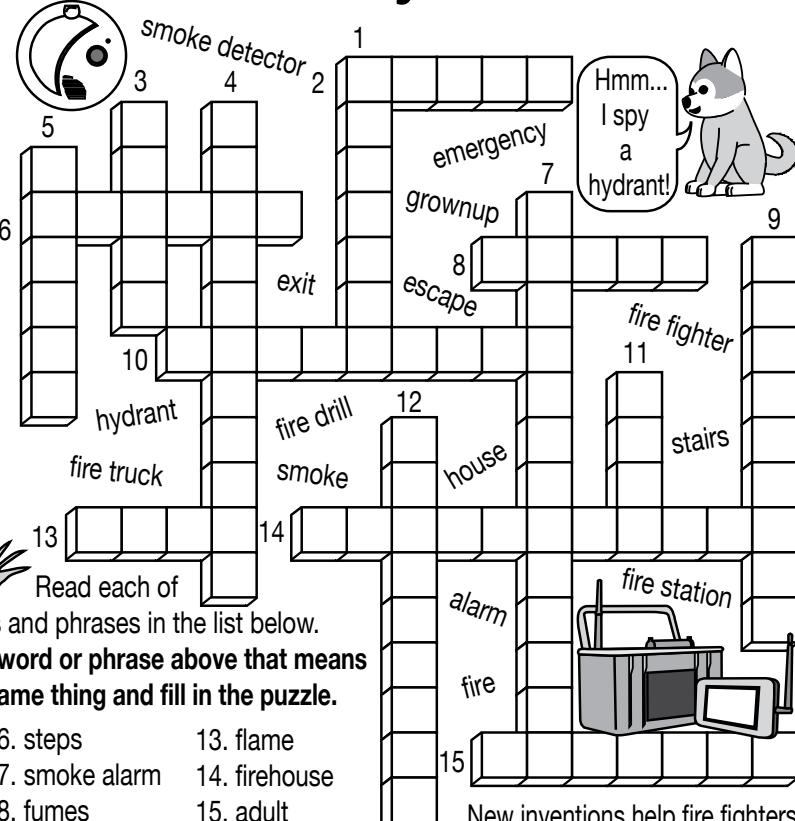
Read each of the 15 words and phrases in the list below.

Then, find a word or phrase above that means almost the same thing and fill in the puzzle.

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|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. fireplug | 6. steps | 13. flame |
| 2. home | 7. smoke alarm | 14. firehouse |
| 3. siren | 8. fumes | 15. adult |
| 4. fireman | 9. crisis | |
| 5. getaway | 10. fire engine | |
| | 11. way out | |
| | 12. fire | |
| | exercise | |



Fire Safety is Smart!



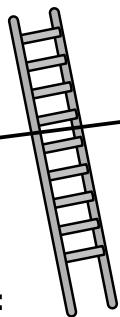
New inventions help fire fighters

do their difficult work. One invention is a scanner that can detect faint heartbeats, which can help to find people trapped under rubble. Another is a mask with built-in "thermal imaging" that lets fire fighters "see" people and flames through smoke.

Finish each phrase with the word that makes sense:

In a typical day, fire fighters may:

1. spread fire safety and awareness by visiting
2. slide from the third or second floor to the first on a
3. use scuba gear and a boat for
4. go to public buildings or businesses for a safety
5. clean their vehicles and perform equipment
6. feed, play with and train the
7. teach classes about CPR and other



- A. fire pole
- B. fire dog
- C. schools
- D. inspection
- E. water rescue
- F. maintenance
- G. first aid

Match each word to the phrase that makes sense:

To complete the job, fire fighters may use (a):

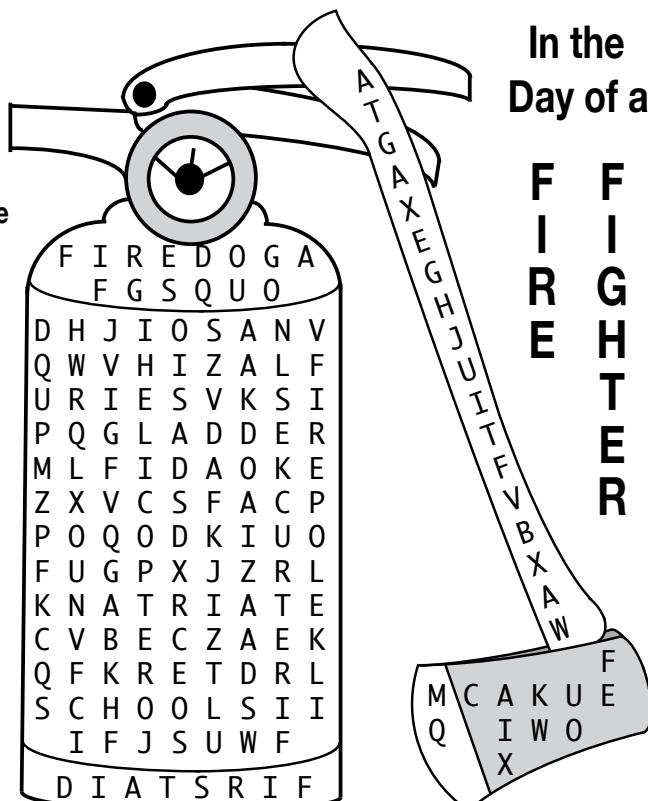
1. fire truck
2. helmet
3. axe
4. water hose
5. air tank
6. ladder
7. helicopter
8. coat



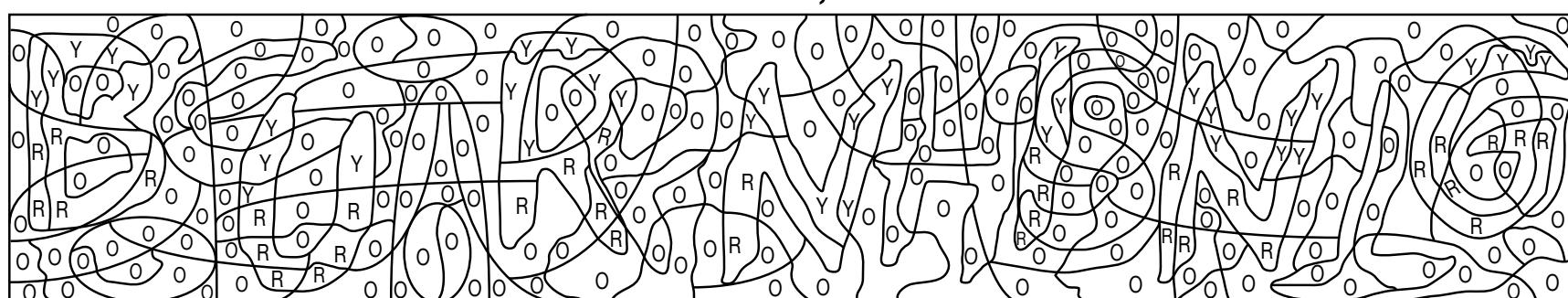
- A. to reach high floors or windows when a door is blocked
- B. to protect their heads from flames and debris
- C. to spray gallons of water onto the fire
- D. to allow them to breathe in a smoke-filled room
- E. to get to a fire quickly with all the right equipment
- F. to lift water from a lake or pond to put out wildfires
- G. to protect their bodies from fire (flame-proof materials) and to be seen easily by others due to reflective strips
- H. to chop down doors or walls during a rescue



See the nine words in bold print to the left? Circle them in the fire extinguisher.

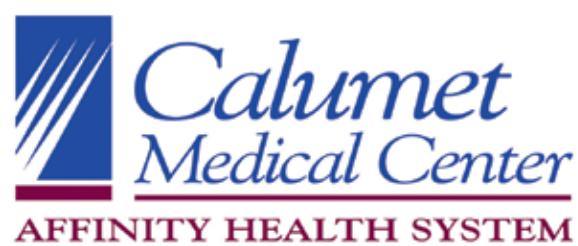


ONCE YOU ARE OUT SAFELY, NEVER GO BACK INTO A



What does this fire safety message tell you? Follow this color key to find out: R = red Y = yellow O = orange

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